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CURRENT TOPICS.

ARABIAN deserts are slowly becoming habitable.

NOAH is running a sawmill in Montgomery county, Mo.

HALF the quinine of the world is used in the United States.

HOG cholera cost Indiana farmers $6,000,000 during 1896.

In Philadelphia there are 18,591 wid[illegible]

PROHIBITION terrapin are becoming abundant in South Carolina.

CHINESE dentists hammer on gongs to drown the cries of patients.

MALAYS are said to be the most superstitious of civilized people.

It is said that the Greenland whale sometimes attains the age of 400 years.

From three to twelve inches of snow fell the other day and the night before in north Texas.

It is a little children at Joplin, Mo., to cats to the railroad tracks to see trains run over them.

THE futile prosecution of Edward J. Ivory, of New York, cost the British government over $100,000.

THE titles of the writings of Mr. Gladstone fill 22 pages of the British museum printed catalogue.

THE United States has laid its heavy hand on a young man at Rosendale for swearing in the post office.

THE oldest fossil bats, back in the early tertiary, differ in no important respect from the bats of to-day.

THE speaker of the Japanese house of commons is a Yale man, and can preserve order in seven languages.

THERE are one dozen wild deer in Connecticut, according to the recent report of the game commissioner.

A French professor is the owner of a collection of 920 human heads, representing every known race on the globe.

THE most extensive cemetery in the world is that at Rome, in which over 6,000,000 human beings have been interred.

THE unique prize-fighting law passed in Nevada provides that physicians shall certify to the physical fitness of the fighters.

PARTRIDGES are so thick at Tawas City, Mich., that two have been caught in the schoolhouse, having flown in the windows.

JOHN WANAMAKER will build a church to show his gratitude for the escape of his establishment from destruction by fire.

DURING the past session 416,500 letters were posted at the house of commons, which gives an average of over 630 per member.

GOVERNORS will be elected in only five states of the Union this year. Two of them are New England states—Massachusetts and Rhode Island.

ACCORDING to the deductions of a well-known astronomer, we receive as much light from the sun as would be emitted by 600,000 full moons.

UTAH has passed a law providing that women teachers in the public schools shall receive the same salaries as men for the same work.

THE women of the women who set the social pace in Atchison, Kan., have hired a cook and will live in a club until the "afternoon" craze is over.

PROBABLY the most unhappy woman in Des Moines is the teacher who whipped a little boy, causing heart trouble, which resulted in death.

SAMUEL PALATKA, arrested on a charge of causing the Tubaba river wreck, in which 27 lives were lost, was discharged on his examining trial.

OFFICERS of the British steamer R. J. Matthews, which arrived in New York January 10 from Gibraltar, claim to have seen in the ocean a dead turtle 80 feet long.

YELL COUNTY, Ark., probably takes the lead from what appears to be its leading industry. It produced 17 more [illegible] than any other county in the state.

THE total number of passengers carried on the railways of Great Britain last year was 930,000,000, and the whole number killed without fault of their own was five.

IN all Germany's merchant marine consisted of 117 steamships, of a total tonnage of 84,000, while last year the steamers numbered 1,301, with a tonnage of more than 1,000,000.

SNOWBALLING in Sault Ste. Marie, Mich., is tabooed, and the small boy will have to look a little out in the future. The fine, if caught, is $20, and the alternative is 30 days in the coop.

[illegible] with a goose with two hearts was killed by a resident of Rhydope, England. One heart was of ordinary size and the other as large as a good sized gooseberry, and connected to the larger.

A MAINE paper complains because some good people of its town got up a show that cost $19 to raise $5 for payment of the freight on a barrel of clothes worth $10 to be sent to the Indians of North Dakota.

THE first Gladstone who engaged in mercantile life was a maltster, and the family owned large slave estates in West Indies. William E. began his political life as an extreme tory.

THE marquis of Dufferin has accepted the presidency of a movement started in Bristol, Eng., to celebrate the four hundredth anniversary of the discovery of Newfoundland by Juan Cabot, on June 24, 1497.

ARIZONA convicts have been leased for ten years at 70 cents each a day, their labor to be utilized in constructing an irrigating canal that will make productive 100,000 acres of arable land.

CHILDREN are large patronizers of the postal savings banks of France. Out of over 400,000 depositors in these institutions according to the reports of the minister of posts and finances telegraph, 80,589 are minors.

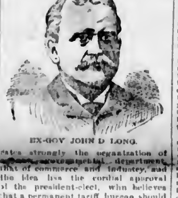
THE fruit growers of California have decided to spend $10,000 in maintaining a lobby in Washington during the tariff agitation, in the hope of thereby securing higher tariff taxes on imported fruits.

EIGHTY years ago Spain owned 5,000,000 square miles in the new world. Of this great empire 50,000 square miles, Cuba and Porto Rico, alone remain.

EX-GOV. LONG.

Of Massachusetts, Formally Accepts the Portfolio of the Navy—Permanent Tariff Bureau.

CANTON, O., Feb. 9.—Ferdinand W. Peck and Franklin Head, of Chicago, spent an hour with Maj. McKinley Monday evening talking over the aims of the National Business Men's league. The league advo-



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cates strongly the organization of [illegible] department that of commerce and industry, and the idea has the cordial approval of the president-elect, who believes that a permanent tariff bureau should be attached to the new department to deal with the question of tariff revision, and so ultimately take the question out of politics.

The formal acceptance by ex-Gov. John D. Long of Massachusetts, of the portfolio of the navy, was received here Monday night.

RURAL TOWNS

Assisting the Fanatics in Their War in Brazil—Their Force Has Grown to 6,000 Well Armed Men.

BUENOS AYRES, Feb. 9.—Rio Janeiro advices state that the fanatical insurrectionists under Conselheiro have now 6,000 well armed men, organized and concentrated in Bahia. The people in the rural towns are now helping the fanatics with arms and money. Where this help is not given the vengeance of Conselheiro's band falls upon the settlers. More than 60 rich plantations have already been destroyed.

The government has been informed that several foreigners have joined the fanatics and are pushing forward a more scientific military organization among them.

Two small towns were pillaged and burned by the fanatics Sunday. In several skirmishes with the federal troops the latter were defeated. The fanatics have obtained steam launches and now patrol the rivers and streams. The utmost terror prevails in that region.

The press of Rio Janeiro now demand that the government send a much stronger force to Bahia to overcome the movement.

The Society of Spiritualists of Rio Janeiro has sent a commission to Bahia to attempt to convince the fanatics that it will be well for them to submit to the government in temporal matters. It is again charged by the press of Brazil that the enemies of the republic are the instigators of the outbreak.

IN CRETE.

Bombardment of Canea Reported—Cretans Demanding Annexation to Greece.

LONDON, Feb. 9.—A dispatch from Athens to the Exchange Telegraph Co. says that rumors are in circulation there that the warships of the powers are bombarding the town of Canea, Crete. The rumor is discredited here.

ATHENS, Feb. 9.—A dispatch from Canea, received Monday evening, says that the Christians about Canea have hoisted the Greek flag, have proclaimed the union of that island with Greece and have invited the king of Greece to take possession of it.

All signs point to a battle at Retimo, as the Christians and Moslems are mobilizing their forces.

CONGRESSMAN MOORE

Assaulted on the Street at Memphis by Hull Brinkley and Seriously Injured.

MEMPHIS, Tenn., Feb. 9.—Congressman Moore, a leading republican and mentioned once for vice-president, also for a place in McKinley's cabinet, was Monday viciously assaulted on the street by Hull Brinkley, local fire and police commissioner and an ex-state legislator, the assailant using a loaded cane. Moore was knocked down by the first blow, and others were dealt him while prostrate, the injuries being pronounced serious. Brinkley also had a pistol, but made no attempt to use it. Last week Col. Moore issued a circular against a railroad scheme being promoted by Brinkley.

Apostolic Delegate for Canada.

LONDON, Feb. 9.—Lawyer Russell, of Manitoba, who with Hon Charles Fitzpatrick, solicitor general of Canada, is charged with the mission of presenting the Manitoba school case to the vatican, started for Rome Tuesday for the second time, he and Mr. Fitzpatrick having fulfilled their mission a fortnight ago. Mr. Russell's present visit to the vatican relates to the appointment of an apostolic delegate for Canada, which matter he and Mr. Fitzpatrick have already induced the vatican to consider favorably.

Steel Works Resume on Double Time.

PITTSBURGH, Pa., Feb. 9.—The Homestead works, Edgar Thomson blast furnaces and steel works, and the Duquesne steel works resumed in full in all departments Sunday evening. The Westinghouse electric works resumed in full Monday on double time. It had been operating on half time.

Ten Buildings Burned.

NEWCASTLE, N. H., Feb. 9.—Fire started in the rear of Mrs. Wheeler's premises on Castle street about midnight and before it could be checked ten buildings, among them the town lock-up and the offices of the Era Publishing Co. were destroyed. Loss about $30,000; insurance does not exceed $500.

Knitting Mills to Resume.

TROY, N. Y., Feb. 9.—It is reported that the Victor knitting mills at Cohoes, which has been shut down several weeks, will resume operations this week, employing 900 hands.

Columbia and Amphitrite at Charleston.

CHARLESTON, S. C., Feb. 9.—The cruiser Columbia and monitor Amphitrite have been sighted off the bar. They do not appear to have sustained any damage in the recent storm. The flagship New York and the Maine are not yet reported. It will be impossible to communicate with the ships for some time yet. The New York and Maine are now about 24 hours overdue, according to Adm. Bunce's schedule.

Indiana Postmaster.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 8.—M. A. Lleland was Monday commissioned as postmaster at Prescott, Shelby county, Ind.

FIFTY-FOURTH CONGRESS

Second Session.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 3.—SENATE—Mr. Chandler introduced a resolution Tuesday declaring it a be the sense of the senate that the United States should not persistently acquiesce in the single gold standard and that the efforts of the government should be directed to secure and maintain the use of silver as well as gold as standard money with the free coinage of both. The resolution went over. The conference report on the immigration bill was taken up and was opposed in a long speech by Mr. Gibson (dem., Md.). An equally long speech was made in favor of the conference report by Mr. Lodge. The remainder of the day's session was taken up by the Nicaragua canal bill. Mr. Vilas (dem., Wis.) had the floor and continued his speech against it.

HOUSE—Nearly all of Tuesday was spent by the house in listening to a discussion now raging between ten electric lighting companies in the District of Columbia, which found its expression in consideration with the consideration of the bill making appropriations for the expenses of the district for the year ending June 30, 1898. The bill remains the unfinished business on the calendar. The house passed the diplomatic and consular appropriation bill, with trifling changes.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 4.—SENATE—The two resolutions offered last week by Mr. Allen (pop., Neb.) looking to the impeding or preventing of the sale of the Union Pacific railroad property under a judicial decree of foreclosure were discussed at much length by Mr. Thurston (rep., Neb.). The morning hour expired before Mr. Thurston finished his speech and the resolutions went over till Thursday. The Nicaraguan canal bill was before the senate for the remainder of the day's session. Mr. Vilas occupied the floor all the time in the delivery of his third day's speech against the bill. The speech was varied with roll calls to enforce the presence of a quorum and as it was apparent that Mr. Vilas was talking against time "the friends of the bill made a rather feeble effort to sit on it," but eventually yielded to the inevitable and agreed to an adjournment.

HOUSE—The discussion of the contested election case of George W. Cornett vs. Claude A. Swanson from the Fifth district of Virginia occupied nearly all the whole of Wednesday's session of the house, and by an overwhelming vote Mr. Swanson's title to the seat was confirmed by the house. The case came from the committee on elections No. 3 which reported in favor of Swanson. Three republicans of the majority membership however recommended that the seat be declared vacant on the ground that the Walton election law under which the election was held was unconstitutional, and, therefore, there was no valid election.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 5.—SENATE—The house bill to prohibit the sale of intoxicating liquors in the capitol was taken up and discussed but went over without action. The conference report upon the immigration bill was disagreed to and a new conference ordered. The Nicaragua canal bill was taken up and the remainder of the day's session was occupied by Mr. Vilas in opposition to it, this being the fourth day of his speech.

HOUSE—Consideration of the bill making appropriations for the expenses of the District of Columbia for the year ending June 30, 1898, engaged the attention of the house Thursday to the exclusion of almost all other business and at adjournment it was still the unfinished business. The further conference asked by the senate upon the immigration bill was agreed to and conferees were appointed. Among the few bills passed in the course of the day were the following: Granting right of way through the Gila River reservation in Arizona to the Hudson Reservoir and Canal Co.; granting a pension of $50 a month to the widows of Gen. J. B. Carr and Gen. John Buff.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 6.—SENATE—The vacancy which has existed in the senate since the 4th of March, 1895, by reason of the failure of the Delaware legislature to elect a senator from that state, was filled Friday by the admission of Mr. Richard R. Kenney whose credentials, in due form, were presented by Mr. Gray (dem., Del.) and were accepted as prima facie evidence of his right to the seat. The Nicaraguan bill was taken up and [illegible] Allen (pop., Neb.) and Call (dem., Fla.). Afterwards some fifty pension bills and some 75 other unobjected to private bills were taken from the calendar and passed and the senate at 5:30 p.m. adjourned until Saturday.

HOUSE—With a few interruptions the house applied itself Friday to the consideration of unfinished business, and while thus engaged disposed of 81 good private pension bills. Among them were bills granting pensions of $50 a month to the widow of Gen. Erastus A. Taylor; to Edwin C. Spofford, of the 34th Massachusetts infantry; to Randall Gould of the [illegible] Iowa; Hans Johnson of the 27th Iowa; to Mrs. Julius A. [illegible] Stahel; to the widow of Gen. Matthew P. Trumbull, and of $30 a month to the widow of the late Gen. and Hon. W. [illegible] Stoneman, of California. Reports were presented and ordered printed upon the contested election cases of Benoit vs. Boatner from the Fifth district of Louisiana, the seven from that district in this congress, of Hopkins vs. Kendall, from the Tenth Kentucky district, and of Beattie vs. Price, from the Third Louisiana district—all in favor of the sitting member. The conference report on the military academy appropriation bill was agreed to.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 8.—SENATE—Another installment of the speech of Senator Thurston (rep., Neb.) on his colleague's resolution designed to prevent the judicial sale of the Union Pacific railroad property occupied the time of the senate up to 5 p.m. Saturday. The Nicaragua canal bill was allowed to go over informally in order to pass bills on the calendar that were unobjected to. Some 15 of them were passed.

HOUSE—The house Saturday in committee of the whole concluded consideration of the bill making appropriations for the expenses of the District of Columbia for the year ending June 30, 1898, and then passed it. But few amendments and those unimportant were made to it. The bill to amend the Wilson tariff act so as to permit the treasury officials to sell forfeited opium to the highest bidder and not require them to [illegible] the amount of the duty, $10 a pound, was passed.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 9.—SENATE—Practically the whole of Monday's session of the senate took place behind closed doors, the question under consideration being the Anglo-American treaty. A concurrent resolution for the withdrawal of a bill from the President, owing to the discovery of a substantial error in it, led Mr. Hill to question the constitutionality of such proposition and the matter went over for further consideration.

HOUSE—Monday's session of the house of representatives was taken up almost wholly in the consideration of business relating to the District of Columbia. None of them were of more than local interest or importance. The copy of the returns of the votes of the several states for presidential electors, which the law directs shall be sent to the speaker, were laid before the house and will remain on the table until the official canvass of the vote is made Wednesday.

The Deadlock Continues.

PIERRE, S. D., Feb. 9.—The senatorial situation is practically unchanged. The vote in joint session Monday resulted: Pickler 47, Kyle 35, Plowman 10, Goodykoontz 18, Palmer 1, Kellar 3.

A Collision on the Lake Shore Road.

ASHTABULA, O., Feb. 9.—The first westbound oyster train on the Lake Shore ran into the rear of a freight train here Monday morning. The engineer saw the caboose lights around a curve on the main track and supposing the train was in the clear, did not slack up, but dashed into the caboose telescoping it and two cars and derailing and breaking up several others. The caboose took fire and it and two cars were burned. Engineer Bentley of Cleveland, stuck to his engine, which was dismantled, and escaped with only a few bruises. Fireman Stevens jumped and was disabled.

Investigating Trusts and Monopolies.

NEW YORK, Feb. 8.—The joint committee appointed by the legislature to investigate trusts and monopolies in this state resumed its session Saturday morning. Senator Lexow and Messrs. Parsons and Shepherd, counsel for Secretary Searles, of the American Sugar Refining Co., held a consultation Friday evening about ten minutes. At its conclusion it was learned that the lawyers had promised that Mr. Searles would be on hand Monday. The members of the committee indulged in a practical conference on resuming the taking of testimony.

THE SQUADRON.

The Ships Encountered a Terrible Storm Off the Carolina Coast—Lives Lost.

CHARLESTON, S. C., Feb. 9.—The United States warships New York, Maine, Columbia, Amphitrite and Marblehead arrived off Charleston bar Monday, after a terrible experience with the storm, which swept the south Atlantic coast Friday and Saturday.

The Cruiser Columbia and the battleship Maine were sighted from Sullivan's island early in the forenoon and the flagship New York, the monitor Amphitrite and the cruiser Marblehead steamed into view later, the flagship being the last of the squadron to reach an anchorage to the north of the Charleston lightship. All five of the vessels are now at anchor about two miles off the bar. Admiral Bunce's fleet ran straight into the teeth of a terrific storm Friday night. The warships were 41 miles off the North Carolina coast and well below Hatteras and while the officers are as usual unwilling to discuss their experience, it [illegible] in great peril. When the fleet was visited by a representative of the United Associated Presses Monday it was learned that the actual casualties consisted of four lives, eight men seriously injured and minor injuries to all the vessels themselves. The battleship Maine had five of her men overboard, three of them losing their lives. The Marblehead lost one man killed and six injured.

The Marblehead lost Ship Carpenter Strawhat who was dashed to death by the sea. His body was saved and buried at sea Sunday. Seven of the carpenter's gang who were at work on the sea anchor were hurled against the superstructure of the ship by the sea and more or less injured.

The New York, the Columbia, the Amphitrite and the Maine were off the coast below Hatteras and about 41 miles out when the storm began to gather. The admiral signaled from the New York for the ships to stand together. The storm was blowing from the southeast. It steadily increased during the night, and the four ships were separated. So heavily did the New York roll that the big eight-inch guns in the turret were lashed down with heavy hawsers as a precaution. During the storm a heavy sea rolled over the stern and the aft companion way was flooded with water, which went down into the officers' quarters. The gun ports and torpedo tubes also let the water in, and there was plenty of water inside. The boatswain, Wm. Anderson, while on the forward deck, was struck from his feet by a sea and injured by being dashed aft. Naval Cadet Castleman, while on the forward quarterdeck, also lost his footing and was about to go over the side when he managed to seize a life line and save himself. When the sea was shipped astern the sounding apparatus was knocked to flinders and one of the officers nearly dashed over the side.

When morning came the Maine was sighted and spoken. The battleship, it is believed, had the most trying experience of the fleet.

Friday night the assistant apprentice, Kozel, was struck by a terrible sea and his life dashed out of him. The rushing waters carried his body overboard. Two men jumped after him as he was carried away. They were the Seaman John Brown and the Marine Alex Nelson. In trying to save their messmate they lost their lives, for they too, were carried out into the mountains of black water. Charles Hassell was washed overboard at the same time. When these four men went overboard Wm. J. Creelman, a landsman, was standing on the poop deck. He saw the upturned face of C. Kozel [illegible] by. Creelman dove over the stern and struck out to save him. In the meantime two life buoys had been thrown over. Hassel got one of them. Brown, Nelson and Kozel disappeared, and the brave Creelman was struggling far from the buoy intended for him. Hassel saw him and reached him in time to save his life. The Maine was brought around in the storm and a lifeboat lowered from the starboard. Naval Cadet Giberard was put in command of the six men. The boat only got a few yards from the ship when she was overturned and seven more men were in the water. The men were rescued with life lines. The lifeboat was lost, as were one or more of the ship's boats. These were all torn from their davits by the heavy seas.

The Amphitrite, Maine, Columbia and Marblehead were sighted in the morning in the order mentioned. The Marblehead was laboring heavily and had out all her oil bags. Grave fears had been entertained for the Amphitrite, but she rode out the storm and, as far as can be learned, no lives were lost. On board the Maine a board of inquiry reported on the loss of the three men. They highly commended Creelman's brave attempt to rescue Kozel. He will be recommended for a life-saver's medal of the first class. The Columbia, Marblehead and Amphitrite came down the coast together after the storm. The reason the New York did not arrive until afternoon is explained by the fact that she turned back and went almost to Hatteras looking for the Monitor. The Marblehead came up to the city Monday afternoon.

Exactly what amount of injury the various vessels themselves sustained during the storm can not be stated.

Coal River Rising.

ST. ALBANS, W. Va., Feb. 9.—Coal river is rising rapidly and by night will be higher than for several years. All the logs will come out, and nearly half a million dollars is at stake. The New, Gauley, Greenbrier, Elk and Pocu rivers are all rising and there will be big water in the Kanawha within the next 48 hours.

Carlisle Will Locate in New York.

LOUISVILLE, Ky., Feb. 9.—According to a dispatch received Monday from Washington Secretary of the Treasury Carlisle has definitely decided to locate in New York city.

New Railroad Company Incorporated.

TRENTON, N. J., Feb. 9.—The Southwestern Construction Co., whose purpose is declared to be the maintenance and operation of railroads in the southwest, was incorporated here Monday. The capital stock is $4,000,000 and the incorporators are Charles M. Veagh, of Morristown, N. J., and Cornelius Tiers and Robert M. Miles, jr., both of South Orange, N. J.

Aged Newspaper Man Dead.

SUNBURY, Pa., Feb. 9.—H. B. Musser, one of the oldest newspaper men in the state, died here Monday afternoon in the 88th year of his age.

HARBOR OF HOME.

Type of Heaven When the Family Gathers Around.

A Beam Glows in the Window of the Sheltered Bay a of Home—The Spot That is Brightest on Earth—Talmage's Word Picture of the Ideal Fireside.

This sermon of Dr. Talmage will set many memories ringing with the good old lines. Dr. Talmage's subject Sunday was: "Harbor of home," and the text, Mark v. 19, "Go home to thy friends, and tell them how great things the Lord hath done for thee."

There are a great many people longing for some grand sphere in which to serve God. They admire Luther at the diet of worms, and only wish that they had some such opportunity in which to display their Christian prowess. They admire Paul making Felix tremble, and they only wish they had some such grand occasion [illegible]. All they want is an opportunity to exhibit their Christian heroism. Now the apostle comes to us and practically says: "I will show you a place where you can exhibit all that is grand and beautiful and glorious in Christian character, and that is the domestic circle."

If one is not faithful in an insignificant sphere he will not be faithful in a resounding sphere. If Peter will not help the cripple at the gate of the Temple he will never be able to preach 3,000 souls into the Kingdom at the Pentecost. If Paul will not take pains to instruct in the way of salvation the sheriff of the Philippian dungeon, he will never make Felix tremble. He who is not faithful in a skirmish would not be faithful in an Armageddon. The fact is, we are all placed in just the position in which we can most grandly serve God, and we ought not to be chiefly thoughtful about some sphere of usefulness which we may after awhile gain, but the all-absorbing question with you and me ought to be: "Lord, what wilt Thou have me (now and here) to do?"

There is one word in my text around which the most of our thoughts will to-day revolve. That word is Home. Ask ten different men the meaning of that word and they will give you ten different definitions. To one it means love at the hearth, it means plenty at the table, industry at the workstand, intelligence at the books, devotion at the altar. To him it means a greeting at the door and a smile at the chair. Peace hovering like wings. Joy clapping its hands with laughter. Life a tranquil lake. Pillowed on the ripples sleep the shadows.

Ask another man what home is, and he will tell you it is want, looking out of a cheerless fire grate and kneading hunger in an empty bread tray. The damp air shivering with curses. No Bible on the shelf. Children, robbers and murderers in embryo. Vile songs their lullaby. Every face a picture of ruin. Want in the background and sin staring from the front. [illegible] waves rolling over that [illegible] Vestibule of the pit. Shadow of infernal [illegible] forging everlasting [illegible] through this for an unending funeral. Awful word! It is spelled with curses, it weeps with ruin, it chokes with woe, it sweats with the death agony of despair.

The word "Home" in the one case means everything bright. The word "Home" in the other case means everything terrific.

I shall speak to you of home as a test of character, home as a refuge, home as a political safeguard, home as a school, and home as a type of Heaven.

And in the first place I remark that home is a powerful test of character. The disposition in public may be in gay costume, while in private it is in dishabille. As play actors may appear in one way on the stage and may appear in another way behind the scenes, so private character may be very different from public character. Private character is often public character turned wrong side out. A man may receive you into his parlor as though he was a distillation of smiles and yet his heart may be a swarm of nettles. There are business men who all day long are mild and courteous and genial and good natured in commercial life, keeping back their irritability and their petulance and their discontent, but at nightfall the dam breaks, and scolding pours forth in floods and freshets.

Reputation is only the shadow of character, and a very small house sometimes will cast a very long shadow. The lips may seem to drop myrrh and cassia, and the disposition to be as bright and warm as a sheaf of sunbeams, and yet they may only be a magnificent show window to a wretched stock of goods. There is many a man who is affable in public life amid commercial spheres, who, in a cowardly way, takes his anger and his petulance home, and drops them in the domestic circle.

The reason men do not display their bad temper is because they do not wish to be knocked down. There are men who hide their petulance and their irritability just for the same reason that they do not let their notes go to protest; it does not pay. Or for the same reason that they do not want a man in their stock company to sell their stock at less than the right price, lest it depreciate the value. As at sunset the wind rises, so after a sunshiny day there may be a tempestuous night. There are people who in public act the philanthropist who at home act the Nero, with respect to their slippers and their gown.

Audubon, the great ornithologist, with gun and pencil, went through the forests of America to bring down and to sketch the beautiful birds, and after years of toil and exposure completed his manuscript and put it in a trunk in Philadelphia for a few days of recreation and rest, and came back and found that the rats had utterly destroyed the manuscript; but without any discomposure and without any fret or bad temper, he again picked up his gun and pencil and visited again all the great forests of America and reproduced his immortal work. And yet there are people with the ten-thousandth part of that loss who are utterly irreconcilable, who, at the loss of a pencil or an article of raiment, will blow as long and sharp as a northeast storm.

Now, that man who is affable in public and who is irritable in private is making a fraudulent overissue of stock, and he is as bad as a bank that might have four or five hundred thousand dollars of bills in circulation with no specie in the vault. Let us learn "to show piety at home." If we have it there we have it not anywhere. If we have not genuine grace in the family circle our outward and public plausibility merely springs from a fear of the world or from the slimy, putrid pool of our own selfishness. I tell you the home is a mighty test of character. What you are at home you are everywhere, whether you demonstrate it or not.

Again, I remark that home is a refuge. Life is the United States army on the national road to Mexico, a long march with ever and anon a skirmish and a battle. At eventide we pitch our tent and stack our arms; we hang up the war cap and lay our head on the knapsack; we sleep until the morning bugle calls us to marching and action. How pleasant it is to rehearse the victories and the surprises and the attacks of the day, seated by the still camp fire of the home circle!

Yes, life is a stormy sea. With shivered masts and torn sails and hulk aleak, we put into the harbor of home. Blessed harbor, there we go for repairs in the dry dock of quiet life. The [illegible] port. Children go forth to meet their fathers as pilots at the Narrows take the hand of ships. The doorsill of home is the wharf where heavy life is unladen.

There is the place where we may talk of what we have done without being charged with self-adulation. There is the place where we may lounge without being thought ungraceful. There is the place where we may express affection without being thought silly. There is the place where we may forget our annoyances and exasperations and trouble. Forlorn earth pilgrim! no home? Then die. That is better. The grave is brighter and grander and more glorious than this world, with no tent from marchings, with no harbor from the storm, with no place to rest from the scene of greed and gouge and loss and gain. God pity the man or woman who has no home!

Further, I remark, that home is a political safeguard. The safety of the state must be built on the safety of the home. The Christian hearthstone is the only corner stone of a republic. The virtues cultured in the family circle are an absolute necessity for the state. If there be not enough moral principle to make the family adhere, there will not be enough political principle to make the state adhere. "No home" means the Goths and Vandals, means the Nomads of Asia, means the Numidians of Africa, changing from place to place according as the pasture happens to change. Confounded be all those libels of iniquity which would overtower and destroy the home. The same storm that upsets the ship in which the family sails, will sink the frigate of the constitution. Jails and penitentiaries and armies and navies are not our best defense. The door of the home is the best fortress. Household utensils are the best artillery, and the chimneys of our dwelling houses are the grandest monuments of safety and triumph. No home. No republic.

[illegible] that home is a [illegible] Old ground must be turned up with subsoil plow and it must be harrowed and rehharrowed, and then the crop will not be as large as that of the new ground, with less culture. Now, youth and childhood are new ground, and all the influences thrown over their heart and life will come up in after life luxuriantly. Every time you have given a smile of approbation—all the good cheer of your life will come up again in the geniality of your children. And every ebullition of anger and every uncontrollable display of indignation will be fuel to their disposition 20 or 30 or 40 years from now—fuel for a bad fire a quarter of a century from this. You praise the intelligence of your child too much sometimes, when you think he is not aware of it, and you will see the result of it before ten years of age in his annoying affectations. You praise his beauty, supposing he is not large enough to understand what you say, and you will find him standing on a high chair before a flattering mirror. Words and deeds and example are the seeds of character, and children are very apt to be the second edition of their parents. Abraham begat Isaac, so virtue is apt to go down in the ancestral line; but Herod begat Archelaus, so iniquity is transmitted. What vast responsibility comes upon parents in view of this subject!

Oh, make your home the brightest place on earth, if you would charm your children to the high path of virtue and rectitude and religion! Do not always turn the blinds the wrong way. Let the light which puts gold on the gentian and spots the pansy pour into your dwellings. Do not expect the little feet to keep step to a dead march. Do not cover up your walls with such pictures as West's "Death on a Pale Horse," or Tintoretto's "Massacre of the Innocents." Rather cover them, if you have pictures, with "The Hawking Party," and "The Mill by the Mountain Stream," and "The Fox Hunt," and "The Children Amid Flowers," and "The Harvest Scene," and "The Saturday Night Marketers."

Get you no hint of cheerfulness from grasshopper's leap and lamb's frisk, and quail's whistle, and garrulous streamlet, which, from the rock at the the mountain top clear down to the meadow ferns under the shadow of the steep, comes looking for the steepest place to leap off at, and talking just to hear itself talk? If all the skies hurtled with tempest, and everlasting storm wandered over the sea, and every mountain stream went raging at the mouth with mud foam, and there were nothing but simoons blowing among the hills and there were neither lark's carol, nor humming bird's trill, nor waterfall's dash, but only bear's bark, and panther's scream, and wolf's howl, then you might well gather into your homes only the shadows. But when God has strewn the earth and the heavens with beauty and with gladness, let us take into our home circle all innocent hilarity; all brightness and all good cheer. A dark home makes bad boys and bad girls, in preparation for bad men and bad women.

Above all, my friends, take into your homes Christian principle. Can it be that in any of the comfortable homes of my congregation the voice of prayer is never lifted? What! No supplication at night for protection? What! No thanksgiving in the morning for care? How, my brother, my sister, will you answer God in the day of judgment with reference to your children? It is a plain question, and therefore I ask it. In the tenth chapter of Jeremiah God says He will pour out His fury upon the families that call not upon His name. O parents, when you are dead and gone, and the moss is covering the inscription of the tombstone, will your children look back and think of father and mother at prayer? Will they take the old family Bible and open it and see the marks of tears of contrition and tears of consoling promise, wept by eyes long before gone out in darkness? Oh, if you do not inculcate Christian principle in the hearts of your children, and you do not warn them against evil, and you do not invite them to holiness and to God, and they wander off into dissipation and into infidelity, and at last make shipwreck of their immortal souls, on their death-bed and in the day of judgment they will curse you! Seated by the register of the stove, what if on the wall should come out the history of your children? What a history—the mortal and immortal life of your loved ones! Every parent is writing the history of his child. He is writing it, composing it into a song or turning it into a groan.

My mind runs back to one of the best of early homes. Prayer, like a roof over it. Peace, like an atmosphere in it. [illegible] in trial and comfort in darkness. The two pillars of that earthly home long ago crumbled to dust. But shall I ever forget that earthly home? Yes, when the flower forgets the sun that warms it. Yes, when the mariner forgets the star that guided him. Yes, when love has gone out on the heart's altar and memory has emptied its urn into forgetfulness. Then, home of my childhood, I will forget thee; the family altar of a father's importunity and a mother's tenderness, the voice of affection, the funerals of our dead; father and mother, with interlocked arms like intertwining branches of trees making a perpetual arbor of love and peace and kindness—then I will forget thee—then, and only then. You know, my brother, that a hundred times you have been kept out of sin by the memory of such a scene as I have been describing. You have often had raging temptations, but you know what has held you with supernatural grasp. I tell you a man who has had such a good home as that never gets over it, and a man who has had a bad early home never gets over that.

Again, I remark that home is a type of Heaven. To bring us to that home Christ left His home. Far up and far back in the history of Heaven there came a period when its most illustrious citizen was about to absent Himself. He was not going to sail from beach to beach; we have often done that. He was not going to put out from one hemisphere to another hemisphere; many of us have done that. But He was going to sail from world to world, the spaces unexplored and immensities untraveled. No world had ever hailed Heaven, and Heaven had never hailed any other world. I think that the windows and the balconies were thronged, and that the pearly beach was crowded with those who had come to see Him sail out of the harbor of light into the oceans beyond. Out and out and out and on and on and on and down and down he sped, until one night, with only one to meet Him, He arrived. His disembarkation was unpretending, so quiet, that it was not known on earth until the excitement in the cloud gave intimation that something grand and glorious had happened. Who comes there? From what port did He sail? Why was this the place of His destination? I question the shepherds, I question the camel drivers, I question the angels. I have found out. He was an exile. But the worlds has had plenty of exiles. Abraham, an exile from Ur of the Chaldees; John, an exile from Ephesus; Kosciusko, an exile from Poland; Mazzini, an exile from Rome; Emmet, an exile from Ireland; Victor Hugo, an exile from France; Kossuth, an exile from Hungary. But this one of whom I speak to-day had such resounding farewell and came into such chilling reception—for not even a hostler went out with his lantern to help Him in—that He is more to be celebrated than any other expatriated one of earth or Heaven.

It is 95,000,000 miles from here to the sun; all astronomers agree in saying that our solar system is only one of the small wheels of the great machinery of the universe, turning round some great center so far distant it is beyond all imagination and calculation, and if, as some think, that great centre in the distance is Heaven, Christ came far from home when He came here. Have you ever thought of the homesickness of Christ? Some of you know what homesickness is when you have been only a few weeks absent from the domestic circle. Christ was 33 years away from home. Some of you feel homesickness when you are a hundred or a thousand miles away from the domestic circle. Christ was more millions of miles away from home than you could calculate if all your life you did nothing but calculate. You know what it is to be homesick even amid pleasurable surroundings. But Christ slept in huts, and He was athirst, and He was a-hungered, and He was on the way from being born in one man's barn to being buried in another man's grave. I have read how the Swiss, when they are far away from their native country, at the sound of their national air get so homesick that they fall into melancholy, and sometimes they die under the homesickness. But, oh, the homesickness of Christ! Poverty, homesick for celestial riches. Persecution, homesick for hosanna. Weariness, homesick for rest. Homesick for angelic and archangelic companionship. Homesick to go out of the night and out of the storm, and the world's execration, and all that homesickness suffered to get us home.

THE farmers in a number of northern Indiana counties have perfected an organization whereby it is agreed not to purchase any farm implements this year. A system of exchange has been agreed upon. The leaders in the movement disclaim the establishment of a boycott on manufacturers or dealers, and declare the organization is the outgrowth of business and financial depression.

RUSSIAN thistles, a patch of which have flourished for some time near Whipple, A. T., have overgrown well-trodden paths there and made them impassable either for men or animals. The thistles of this plot are said to be the only ones in Arizona, and the people urge that they be exterminated before they become a pest everywhere to the territory.

CHARLES STONECYPHER is one of the oldest citizens of Franklin county, Georgia. At the age of 91 he is well and stout. One morning recently, it is told, after doing the usual work about the house, he went out and split 50 rails before noon.

KENTUCKY STATE NEWS.

JOHN CONNORS, a fireman on the Louisville & Nashville railroad, was fatally injured by being struck across the head by an iron bar as he was crossing a bridge north of Hopkinsville.

AT Corinth, W. C. Warning and Miss Leon Luke were married on board a Cincinnati Southern train.

THE court of appeals held that telegraph companies were liable for mistakes in transmitting messages.

ALREADY the papers are beginning to manifest some solicitude about the fruit crop. It will be interesting to know that an expert thinks the crop is safe up to date.

THE recent cold weather has caused much suffering in the Kentucky mountains. In Leslie county two children have frozen to death. The mails were suspended and privation resulted from the inability of merchants to obtain supplies.

RUMOR has it that at least two state institutions have asked the governor [illegible] ask for additional appropriations.

IN a case appealed from Kenton county, the court of appeals, reversing the lower court, holds that a city's lien on real estate for street improvements has priority over a bank's mortgage.

DEPUTY SHERIFFS Harry Judge and Ernest Johnson, of Fulton county, shot and killed Charlie Williams at Cayce, thinking he was Dave Browder, a murderer whom they were seeking to capture. The deputies are under arrest.

DANIEL TARRANT, a Richmond farmer, had his head almost split open while driving an iron wedge in a log with an ax. The ax caught in a clothes line and lodged on his head, cutting his skull open.

H. PRICE McDANIEL, a cadet is missing from the Kentucky state college.

J. WALL'S general store at Gracey was burned. Loss, $10,000; insured.

J. M. McKNIGHT, president of the suspended German national bank, of Louisville, on the request of the directors, has resigned.

COMMITTEES have been appointed to each congressional district to arrange for a big crowd of Kentuckians at McKinley's inauguration.

THE following pensions to Kentucky people were granted the other day: Original—Henry F. Monroe, Falmouth, Pendleton. Restoration and Additional—Hugh F. Beard, deceased, Mounds, Crittenden. Increase—Reuben Clark, Prestonburg, Floyd. Original Widows, Etc.—Rachel Garrison, Augusta, Bracken; special, January 27, Rena Streets (mother), Lexington; Hester Thompson, Columbus, Hickman; Cordelia E. Beard, Mounds, Crittenden; Sophia Perkins, Logana, Jessamine.

MRS. DORA BERKLEY, aged 60, died suddenly at the home of her husband, Lexington, at an early hour the other morning. She was the wife of John Berkley, the well known retired merchant.

The farm of the late Mrs. Josephine Spalding, near Lebanon, was sold by Mr. R. B. Lancaster, executor. The farm contains 120 acres and brought $105.10 per acre, Mr. L. M. Eates becoming the purchaser.

HANGINGS in Hopkins county have been few and far between. The last legal hanging was more than a quarter of a century ago.

AGRICULTURAL Commissioner Moore, the other day closed a contract with Landreth & Sons, for $600 worth of garden seeds to be distributed by his department. He says that he has saved $250 on seeds this year, and thinks he will be a second Sterling Morton before his term of office expires.

A NINE-YEAR-OLD-BOY—who is not yet rid of his baby teeth—was received at the Frankfort penitentiary a few days ago, from Boyd county. He was sent for one year for breaking a show-window and stealing a half dollar. A few days later Gov. Bradley pardoned him.

THE Jones Lumber Co.'s saw mill, located two miles north of Williamsburg, burned the other evening. Loss, $20,000; partly insured. Origin of the fire unknown.

THE time for holding the next meeting of the Kentucky Educational association has been decided upon. The meeting will be held in Bowling Green on June 29 and 30 and July 1. The local committee is already preparing for the event and has appointed a number of sub-committees.

ROBERT MORTON, colored, was killed by a mob near Rockfield, Warren county, not far from Bowling Green, for sending an insulting note to a young white woman of Rockfield.

ALBERT C. JUREY and Mary Potter eloped from Bowling Green to Jeffersonville, Ind., and were married.

WHILE attempting to cash a check he had forged on John Caldwell, a wealthy citizen, for $100, William Harrison, alias James White, was arrested at Maysville.

GOV. BRADLEY was a pallbearer at the funeral of the wife of ex-Postmaster Saffell, Frankfort.

AT Paducah Hon. Joseph T. Wilson, formerly of St. Louis, died of blood poisoning, aged 45 years. He was in the Missouri senate for many years.

THE ice gorge in Dix river broke and demolished several shanty-boats.

AT Maysville, Col. Robert L. Baldwin, once revenue collector under Cleveland, is dead.

ELKTON can justly lay claim to one of the oldest masonic lodges in Kentucky. The charter of old Vesper lodge was granted in 1821, when Henry Clay was grand master of Kentucky. The document is now in the archives of the lodge room and is most highly prized.

EX-POSTMASTER W. H. Wilkerson fell on the slippery sidewalk at Mt. Sterling and broke his shoulder and otherwise painfully injured himself.

MR. W. N. SEWELL, of Winchester, has applied for letters patent upon a method for making lunch baskets, fruit baskets, crates and packing boxes.

IT is believed there is an organized band of horse thieves in the vicinity of Walton. The other night a fine horse was taken from Jasper Williams, living near Bank. Saturday night one week ago a fine horse of Jack Wright's was stolen from the same locality.

CHARLES HERNDON, who murdered his wife near Flat Lick and later fortified his home, and bade defiance to the officers when they went to arrest him, has escaped. It is said that he passed through Barbourville en route to Corbin concealed in a load of hay.

THE state G. A. R. will likely meet at Lexington May 25.

THE HICKMAN COURIER.

HICKMAN, KY.,

FRIDAY, : : : FEB. 12, 1897.

ANNOUNCEMENTS.

Circuit Judge.

ROBBINS—We are authorized to announce J. E. Robbins, of Graves county, as a candidate for Circuit Judge in the district composed of Ballard, Carlisle, Fulton, Graves and Hickman counties, subject to the Democratic party. Election first Tuesday in November, 1897.

MOSS—We are authorized to announce N. P. Moss as a candidate for re-election to the office of Circuit Judge of the First Judicial District of Kentucky, subject to any action of the Democratic party.

Commonwealth Attorney.

MOORMAN—We are authorized to announce H. J. Moorman, of Graves county, as a candidate for Commonwealth's Attorney, for the District composed of Ballard, Carlisle, Fulton, Graves and Hickman, subject to the action of the Democratic party.

For Sheriff.

STUBBLEFIELD—We are authorized to announce Jno. T. Stubblefield as a candidate for Sheriff of Fulton County, subject to the action of the Democratic Primary, to be held on the first Saturday in July, 1897.

PLUMMER—We are authorized to an- [illegible] Sheriff of Fulton county, subject to the action of the Democratic primary.

NAYLOR—We are authorized to announce W. A. Naylor as a candidate for the office of Sheriff of Fulton county, subject to the action of the Democratic Primary, July 3rd. Election, November, 1897.

WALKER—We are authorized to announce Claude L. Walker as a candidate for the office of Sheriff of Fulton county, subject to the action of the Democratic primary, Saturday, July 3rd 1897.

ADAMS—We are authorized to announce Jas. R. Adams as a candidate for Sheriff of Fulton county, subject to the action of the Democratic Primary.

For County Court Clerk.

BREVARD—We are authorized to announce Arch Brevard as a candidate for County Court Clerk of Fulton County, Ky. Election in November, 1897.

BELT—We are authorized to announce R. B. Belt as a candidate for Clerk of the Fulton County Court, subject to the action of the Democratic primary, Saturday, July 3rd.

TYLER—We are authorized to announce John Tyler, as a candidate for the office of County Court Clerk of Fulton county, subject to the action of the Democratic Primary, Saturday, July 3rd, 1897.

LUTEN—We are authorized to announce Mr. S. D. Luten as a candidate for the office of County Court Clerk of Fulton County, subject to the action of the Democratic Primary, Saturday, July 3rd, 1897.

LITTLE—We are authorized to announce J. F. Little as a candidate for the office of County Court Clerk of Fulton county subject to the action of the Democratic primary.

For Assessor.

ALEXANDER—We are authorized to announce Charlie Alexander as a candidate for the office of Assessor of Fulton county, subject to the action of the Democratic primary, July 3rd.

RASCOE—We are authorized to announce M. L. Rascoe as a candidate for the office of Assessor of Fulton county, subject to the action of the Democratic Primary.

JOHNSON—We are authorized to announce W. O. [Oscar] Johnson, as a candidate for Assessor of Fulton county, subject to the action of the Democratic primary.

County Superintendent.

WILSON—We are authorized to announce D. E. Wilson as a candidate for County Superintendent of Public Schools of Fulton county, subject to the action of the Democratic primary.

Jailer.

NOONON—We are authorized to announce J. A. Noonan as a candidate for Jailer of Fulton county, subject to the action of the Democratic primary.

County Attorney.

LINDSAY—We are authorized to announce A. W. Lindsay as a candidate for County Attorney of Fulton County subject to the action of the Democratic primary.

THE Tennessee Legislature has passed a law cutting down all officers' salaries. It is understood that Gov. Taylor will veto the bill.

GOVERNOR BRADLEY last week promptly pardoned the nine-year-old boy sent to the penitentiary from Boyd county for stealing.

MRS. JAS. KOERNOR, a wife of 20 years and the mother of 11 children, has sued her husband for divorce at Paducah, alleging cruel treatment.

IN Logan county, this State, the fall term of the Circuit Court was the first one in forty years on the calendar of which there was no murder case.

SECRETARY CARLISLE, it is now said, will resume the practice of law either at Louisville or New York, although he has a good offer to locate in Chicago.

ACCORDING to the Louisville Post's appeal for aid, there are in Louisville 12,000 people naked and starving, who are being supported by public and private charity.

THE Louisville Star thinks there is no necessity for business men to put lightning rods on their houses to prevent "prosperity" lightning from striking them too hard.

THE time for holding the next meeting of the Kentucky Educational Association has been decided upon. The meeting will be held in Bowling Green on June 29 and 30 and July 1.

LAST November the voters of Clinton county, Iowa, gave Mr. McKinley a majority of 900. Last week, in a special election to fill a vacancy in the Legislature, the Democratic candidate, ex-Congressman Hays, was elected by a majority of about 800, over the regular Republican candidate, Mr. Harker, a popular citizen, a man of the most exemplary character, a member of the Baptist church and prominent in Y. M. C. A. work. This is a straw that indicates how much the people are dissatisfied with Republican promises of restored confidence and prosperity, it is also an indication that the vote in Iowa last November was not counted as it was cast.—Elizabethtown News.

Judge N. P. Moss.

It is with pleasure that we call attention to the announcement of Judge N. P. Moss, who desires to be re-elected Circuit Judge of this Judicial District.

Judge Moss is now serving his first term as circuit judge, and we can say without any qualms of conscience that the district never had a better judge. Aside from his mental attainments and legal ability Judge Moss is blessed in those charms of person which go to adorn the bench. He is affable, courtly and dignified. He is broad minded, equable and even tempered. He adds to the law the measure of prudence and tempers justice with moderation.

As a citizen and practitioner at the bar he is known and honored by all of our people and needs no introduction to them. To the voters of neighboring counties he is almost as well known and, we believe, as highly esteemed, for his duties during the past five years have kept him in touch with the whole district.

While it is improbable that the party machinery will be invoked in the judicial race, yet we are glad to say that Judge Moss, a [illegible] candidacy subject to the action of his party.—Clinton Democrat.

A Novel Proposition.

A Populist member of the Kansas Legislature has conceived a novel plan to do away with elections in that State. He has prepared and will introduce a bill for disposing of county offices by auction to the lowest bidder. In substance, it provides that on the first day of January of each year the applicants for county offices shall submit bids stating the minimum amount for which they will serve the county in a stated capacity. Each bid must be accompanied by a certified check for $50 as an earnest of good faith. These bids are to be opened by the Sheriff and County Clerk. The successful applicant will then be permitted to move into the Courthouse, while the cash deposits will be returned to the other bidders.

Suffering in Louisiana.

Advices from the drouth stricken parishes of Louisiana are to the effect that 30,000 people are in destitute circumstances, and unless relief is offered suffering and starvation are bound to result.

Six weeks ago relief committees made a canvass of the district over which want exercised dominion, and found 23,000 men, women and children, mainly of the farming class, whose condition demanded that they be sustained during the unfruitful season. The extreme severity of this winter has come upon these destitute people and now their number is 30,000, and distress has become misery.

Men are gaunt and famishing, and in rags. Women are starving and walking through the winter barefooted; children are wasting and dying. Newspaper correspondents have refused to go into the district, because in this weather and owing to the dearth of food, their lives would be in danger. Some bold ones have ventured, however, and their stories are heartrending. The sufferers proudly disclaim the name of beggars they ask a loan till Providence shall again smile on them and give them time to plant their crops. At harvest time they will repay their debts. The press of the State is urging the charitable to contribute and the cities and towns are responding readily and generously.

NOAH FRANKLIN has been arrested and is in jail at Benton, charged with the murder of Daisy Sullivan, who was killed by a hidden assassin in the hall of her parents' house October 30, last. Detective W. A. Wickliffe, of Paducah, worked up the case against Franklin, and there is said to be some bad evidence in it for the accused. There are rewards aggregating $700 out for the murderer.—Wickliffe Yeoman.

MISS BRECKINRIDGE has been licensed to practice law. Every woman should know the law but no woman should practice the law. The profession is rough enough on men, who know that the wrong is right when it is law, but such pursuits might blunt the sense of honesty of a woman and doubtless influence her nature to a familiar contemplation of rascality that would end in the depravity or a total loss of a sense of Justice amid the labyrinths of the chicanery of legal technicalities. A woman should never be taught to make commerce of truth and justice.—Vicksburg Democrat.

EX-CONGRESSMAN BEN BUTTERWORTH the well known Republican of Ohio, said in a recent interview that he was fully convinced that bimetallism must be reckoned to as one of the greatest elements of a return to prosperity. Whether it will come as actual free coinage of silver is yet problematical," said he, "it must come in some such way, however. The promised era of prosperity is sadly absent. I don't think it will result from a revision of the tariff to any great extent. The only tariff laws that could do the country any good would be such as would directly improve the condition of the laboring men and produce sufficient money to properly conduct the affairs of the Government. The idea of high protection, I believe, as the people know of me, is very bad. Under the McKinley bill, as it existed, there was a system of partnership between the manufacturers and the Government, by which great revenues were derived by extortionate taxation of the masses.

GRABS AND SHAMS.

All the redeeming features of the new tariff bill, as far as the schedules are completed are found in its points of departure from the McKinley law and its points of agreement with the Democratic tariff law.

These redeeming features are few and are offset by tariff abominations which cannot fail to press heavily upon the people. Deep resentment will be aroused when the full force of their effects is felt and the full knowledge of their purpose is realized. Roughly speaking, the bill may be divided into grabs and shams. In order to create the impression of equality, apparent compensation is offered to producers for the real protection given to the manufacturers in a lot of sham protections.

Tariffs on meats and the products of the field and farm are offered, though every farmer who knows enough to take his plow out of the rain knows that as long as this country raises a surplus of these products, which must be sold in foreign markets, protective tariffs on them are frauds and farces.

If the protection of foodstuffs [illegible] outrage. What kind of a government is it which in the face of widespread distress, when thousands are on the verge of starvation, proposes to enhance the price of food stuffs by monopolistic laws?

But the Republican party has not refrained from pinching the suffering for the benefit of its favorites. It proposes to tax the blankets and clothing needed by the shivering; it proposes to tax the salt that makes food palatable; it proposes to make the materials for houses and tools dearer; it proposes to tax even the seeds required to raise a crop.

If revenue only were wanted, small taxes on luxuries would suffice, but they would not be so profitable to party favorites as taxes on the necessaries of the people. They would not repay heavy campaign contributions.—St. Louis Republic.

It Was No Fake.

Mr. Tom Beadles, of Fulton, was in town, Wednesday, and says the assault on Miss Carver, north of Fulton, is a fact. The opinion now is thought that it was a white man with his face blackened. A young man who had been at work for Mr. Carver and left when the crime was committed, is strongly suspected. Investigation of the matter is still being carried on.—Mayfield Mirror.

An unfortunate state of affairs is reported from the home of Miss Lydia Carver, who was so brutally enraged a few days since. Miss Carver, who has been in a delicate condition since the assault has grown very despo[illegible] attempt her life, without success. The family is well-to-do and highly respected and feels the unfortunate affair very keenly.

Mr. John Carver, the father of the girl has offered a reward for the capture and conviction of her assailant.—Paducah Register.

TO PREVENT MOBS.

A bill to protect the lives and property of persons against mobs was introduced in the House last week, by Representative Stewart, of Wisconsin. It provides that the city or county in which mob violence results in the destruction of property or injury to or loss of life, shall be liable for damages, and action may be brought against the officers of the law for neglect of duty. In case of death a sum not exceeding $5,000 shall be awarded the relatives of the deceased. When the general government in the case of a foreigner pays the indemnity, it can bring action for recovery against the State in which such person was killed.

More About the Carver Outrage.

A special telegram from Mayfield, to the Commercial—Appeal, dated 8th inst., says: As will be remembered, a white girl, Lyda Carver, living two miles from Fulton, was outraged by a negro on the 27th of January in a stable at her home. All search for the brute was fruitless.

About a week before the crime was committed a man named Walls, wanted for murder in an adjoining State, visited his sister, Mrs. Mordis, on the farm of Mr. Carver, and in trying to keep himself concealed aroused suspicion.

The report gained circulation that this man, with blackened face, committed the crime. Saturday night a mob of twenty men took him to a schoolhouse in the neighborhood, also a 12 year-old son of Mrs. Mordis and roughly handled them, trying to learn who committed the crime, but got no information. Then the mob took Mr. Mordis to the woods, placed a rope around his neck and tried to get information, but Mordis pleaded and swore he knew nothing. He was also roughly handled being choked insensible. The men unmasked and many were recognized by Mordis. Mrs. Mordis was pregnant, and the excitement produced a miscarriage. Mordis has filed suit for $30,000, and the case is to come up at the May term of court.

Robertson and Thomas of this city and J. C. Flournoy of Fulton have been employed by Mordis as counsel. There is intense excitement over the matter and much interest.

—What is it that a fellow went do when he is a candidate? The Hopkinsville Kentuckian says that Judge Cooper, a 200 pounder, who is a candidate for re-election, went coon hunting with a lot of the boys in Bath county the other night. The dogs treed and the Judge gained one coon and several votes by climbing the tree and shaking out the game.

PENSION AGENCIES.

The President has signed, on the recommendation of Secretary of the Interior Francis, an important order reducing the number of pension agencies in the United States from 18 to 9. The object of the order is to effect a very large saving to the government without inconveniencing the pensioners. The Secretary demonstrates that by this reductions of the pension agencies the cost of disbursing pensions can be reduced by at least $150,000 per annum. The change was made possible by an amendment to the law governing the disbursing of pensions, which amendment was approved March 23, 1896. It required that all pensioners should, after that date be paid by checks sent by mail.

Reports from the pension agencies in reply to inquiries as to the operation of the new law were to the effect that under it the pensioners are paid more promptly.

This order will take effect September 1, its operation being postponed in order that no pensioner should suffer inconvenience in consequence of a delay in receiving his pension, and to give ample [illegible] and records from the agencies discontinued.

Reflections of a Bachelor.

Anyway, men don't steal each other's hat pins at an evening reception.

Most girls think married life is a perpetual banquet with no dishes to wash.

It is probable that the Nineveh women didn't wear theater hats in Jeh's day.

When a girl is twitted about being thrown down she says: "Oh, well, you can't use a man forever, you know."

When neither one has a good reason, a man generally appears shallow by giving a poor one; but a woman always tries to seem deep by giving none at all.

When a woman is first married she wonders what takes place of marriage in heaven. After she's been married a few years she isn't particular what it is.—New York Press.

REPUBLICAN MISMANAGEMENT

Every time additional Republican rascality and mismanagement are shown, some sanctimonious Republican hypocrite rises to his feet and yells, 'Dick Tate.' It is true that Dick Tate was a Democrat and that he stole a large sum of money and skipped the country. It is also true that a Democratic administration laid bare the whole facts before the people, and used every effort to capture the criminal. The 'look at the books' for which the republicans made such vigorous demands was accorded them last year, and if they [illegible] The first year of a Rep[illegible] administration has passed away [illegible] the treasurer has not [illegible] compelled to skip to Canada, and none of the other fiscal officers have been found to be defaulters, there has been shown to be an utter incompetence to manage the affairs of state. The officials of two asylums and one penitentiary have been shown to be utterly incompetent to be in charge of such institutions. The promised reforms have not been forthcoming. The State officials themselves are in a continual brawl, and more attention is being paid to the successor of Senator Blackburn than to the welfare of the State.—Paducah Register.

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Extra Session.

It is again reported from Frankfort that Gov. Bradley will shortly call an extra session of the Legislature, and that he has mapped out the following for its consideration: The passage of a revenue bill, election of a United States Senator, the redistricting of the State into Legislative and Senatorial districts and a general gerrymander of the State, the passage of a bill for the suppression of mob violence, the creation of a commission for the management of State institutions, the creation of two new Judges for the Louisville Circuit Court, clerical assistance for the aid of the Apellate Court.

BENTON WILSON was liberated from the Washington state penitentiary during the holidays on a pardon, after serving two years of a long sentence that he had received on a confession of murder, which he had made to shield his father. The two were charged two years ago with the murder of Benton Wilson's brother-in-law, and the father being tried first and the prospect being dark for him, his son got up and confessed that he did the killing.

—There are a great many who look upon the magistrate's office as an insignificant one, and it is in compensation, but otherwise it is one of the most significant of all. The magistrates control the finances of the county, and the people of each district should see that the best business men are elected to this office. The magistrates are responsible for the good and bad condition of the roads, and, in fact are responsible for every business transaction of the county. At least twice a year the magistrate's office is a very important one and requires men of good judgment.

REPUBLICAN CONTROL IN KENTUCKY.

The election of Governor Bradley was perhaps in part due to the dissatisfaction of numerous Democrats with the State Policy of their party and their belief—erroneous, but deep-seated—that there was at Frankfort a ring which not only controlled nominations but legislation in the interest of its members, and so the revolt elected the entire Republican State ticket. We did need some reforms and more progress. We had not been always wise in our expenditures and had been extremely foolish in reducing taxation without reducing expenditures, thereby putting the State and all her officers in much embarrassment. Our road laws were execrable; our charitable institutions needed more careful supervision, and we did have too much toleration for mob violence. The public officers were honest; our expenditures were not wasteful even if sometimes unwise; our courts were upright and on the whole the State did grow with a steady and gratifying speed.

The last session of the Legislature disappointed the hopes of the people, but for its action the Republicans were only partially responsible, for they did not have a majority in the Legislature, and the Republican House did provide for our financial difficulties and if the Democratic Senate had passed the bills sent to it by the House our floating debt would have been by this time in a manageable and fairly satisfactory condition.

But the late election and the position of the sound money Democrats have changed the situation. The Republicans have a clear majority of the Legislature; it can elect a Senator in two days and get that exciting and divisive matter out of the way. The Republican governor can specify in his call what subjects of legislation shall be taken up; the financial measures can be disposed of in ten days; proper amendments to our election laws can be adopted; such measures to put down mob violence as the governor may deem necessary will gladly be enacted. So that the Republican Governor has it absolutely in his power to dictate what subjects of legislation shall be taken up; and the Republican party has been assured by the Sound-Money Democrats that they will render whatever assistance is necessary to put our state in proper financial condition, secure for the voters a pure and safe ballot, and make the law obeyed everywhere. Can the Republican party of Kentucky govern? Has it wisdom, courage and leadership sufficient for the emergencies? It has the power; the opportunity has come to it; it is on trial.

Kentucky is now under republican rule and that party is justly held responsible [illegible] people correction, [illegible] legislation.—Lexington Press-Transcript.

GOD PITY THE POOR.

The power of combination is felt no matter in what direction it is concentrated, but when it oppresses the poor at a season when cold and hunger cannot be avoided, something should be done to crush it. The telegraph announces that there will be a curtailment in the production of cotton cloth to the amount of nearly a million pieces which will cut the working force 33 per cent., and this is accomplished through the combination of employers in a general meeting. Some of these mills could run full time and give constant work; but no, the greed of wealth says all must shut down! Who can tell the hardships it will bring? Who can tell the suffering it will entail with the worst of the winter before us? That times are hard there is no disputing the fact. McKinleyism or Bryanism are not brought into question when the people are suffering. There must be relief, come from whatever source it may, and it will be welcomed. With the workingmen at work all will be happy, and wise heads should get together to break up the trusts, combines and concentrations of wealth that is responsible in a great measure for the times.—Paducah News.

ANOTHER lynching occurred in Kentucky last week. A negro named Robt. Merton sent an insulting note to Miss Fennie Johnson, of Rockfield, Warren county, and a lynching party took him and quietly hanged him to a tree, after a posse of officers had put him under arrest.

—The great sun spot that created so much interest in the astronomical world during January is said by Prof. Brooks, director of the Smith Observatory, of Geneva, New York, to be again visible. It may be seen with the naked eye through the medium of a smoked glass. It is presumed there are some people who have never had the pleasure of meeting a sun spot. If any such desire to make the acquaintance of one of the most distinguished of these celestial gentry, they may now do so by smoking a bit of window pane over a lamp and on a clear day taking a squint at old King Sol.

—River men are thoroughly aroused against the new order of Supervising Inspector General Jas. A. Dumont concerning the extra life boats and life-saving apparatus which it would require boats to carry. They say it would be all right with sea going vessels, but would swamp river craft, and is, besides altogether unnecessary because steamboats are near shore all the time they can easily be run into the bank in case of accident and do so in much less time than it would take to lower a lot of boats. The order is so unnecessary and its provisions so unjust that a vigorous protest has been made against its enforcement by river men.

HE KNEW.

The new woman orator waxed eloquent.

"And what," she demanded, as she came to the climax, "is to be the result of our emancipation?"

She looked around with the calm assurance of one who had asked a poser, and this was too much for the little man who was waiting for his wife in a far corner of the hall.

"I know!" he shouted.

"Ah!" returned the new woman on the platform scornfully, "the little man with the bald head thinks he has solved the problem that we came here to discuss this afternoon. We will gladly give our attention while he tells us what is to be the result."

"Cold dinners and ragged children," roared the little man.

—There is no truer saying than the following from an exchange: No sane man will deny the essential and immutable distinctions between right and wrong. A man who is morally wrong cannot become right by changing his political or social position. To become right he must change his principles. These distinctions lie at the foundation of all moral character and social organization. A bad man can no more become a good man by a change of circumstances than by a change of clothes. Let no one get confused on this simple application of the principles of morality.

THE movement for good citizenship is in every way worthy of encouragement. That a country's stability and progress depend on the integrity and intelligence of its citizens no one will deny. Many of us are too careless about our knowledge of current movements. Every farmer's fireside and every schoolhouse should be a forum of discussion of these subjects that are coming for solution. There should be magazine clubs, economic libraries and public addresses, that general education may prevail and the people be able to do the work required to perpetuate a great nation.—Henderson Gleaner.

—There seems to be a prevalent idea among some people, says the Breckinridge News, that a newspaper is always glad to get anything to print, just so it is something to "fill up." Perhaps nothing more erroneous was ever imagined. A newspaper is glad to get the news at all times—items big or little—and is not fulfilling its mission unless it prints the news. But it is often a more perplexing question as to what to leave out than it is as to where it shall get matter to put in. It cannot afford to print long articles just for the edification of a few people. Its task is to interest the general public.

THE fact that there is never a crime [illegible] who is not at once [illegible] by a variety of feminine admirers—the greater his crime the greater the variety of his admirers—has caused a member of the Minnesota Legislature to introduce a bill which is calculated to suppress these chromos for crime. The bill provides that "Any person who shall give, or offer to give, or lend flowers, or any other token of sympathy or admiration, to a person under arrest, charged with a crime amounting to a felony, or is under or awaiting sentence for a crime amounting to a felony, shall, unless such person stand in the relation of husband, wife, child, parent, brother or sister to such criminal accused, or is an ordained minister of the gospel, be guilty of a misdemeanor, and on such conviction thereof be punished by imprisonment in the county jail for a term of not less than fifteen nor more than ninety days, or by a fine of not less than $25 nor more than $100."

TWICE-A-WEEK COURIER JOURNAL,

Beginning the first of the new year, the Weekly Courier-Journal, of Louisville, Ky., will be changed to the Twice-a-week Courier-Journal. It will be published Wednesday and Saturday mornings. The paper will be six pages, or twelve pages a week, instead of ten pages weekly, as at present an increase of 832 columns of matter during the year. The Wednesday issue will be devoted exclusively to news of politics, while the Saturday issue will be strictly a family paper—filled with stories, miscellany, pictures, poetry, sketches, etc.

The politics of the paper will not be changed, and the battle for pure Democracy and true Democratic principles will be continued successfully in the future as in the past. In spite of the expense involved in the improvements noted, the price of the Twice-a-week Courier Journal will remain the same, one dollar a year, with liberal inducements to agents or old subscribers who send in new ones. A feature during the coming year will be the editorials of Mr. Henry Watterson on political and other topics of the day.

Cake Baking

Is easily done to perfection if you know just how to properly proportion the sugar, butter, cream, etc., that compose it. Of course, you select the very best of these articles, but what does quality amount to when you don't proportion right? You know if you put in too much butter "it's a failure." If the proportions are regulated by an experienced cook, are weighed and measured (not guessed) and are of uniform quality, then the cake is a success, and the housewife "passes" it with some degree of pride. She knows that good things are favorably talked of, and this is just why you hear so much of Dr. Bell's Pine Tar Honey. It's made only by the E. E. Sutherland Medicine Company, of Paducah, Ky., and Dr. E. E. Sutherland does the compounding. If you have a cough or any ailment where a bronchial remedy is indicated, you try a bottle from any drug store, and you'll know the rest of this story better than we can tell you.

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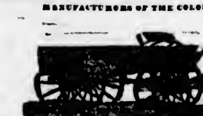

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—Candidates cards printed at this office in good style.

—The river is free from floating ice, and boats are running again.

☛Remember the reduction in repair work, at BUCK BROS.

—The fellow who can't skate doesn't cut much ice with the girls.

—Mrs. Sallie Clark, of Wingo, is visiting Mrs. Alice Richards, this week.

—New Madrid has a company of female minstrels, composed of home talent.

—Farmers say that late wheat has been injured by the recent cold weather.

—Some people think they are out of health when they are only out of energy.

—Some people get angry with another for doing to them what they are doing to others.

—This is the month to trim your trees and vines, plant your Irish potatoes and sow your sweet peas.

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—Read the semi-annual statement of the Hickman Building and Loan Association published in this issue.

—Wonder if the peach crop was injured by the recent cold weather? We pause to give some one a chance to investigate.

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—What kind of a valentine are you going to send your best girl? is now the question agitating the minds of the young men.

—The Court of Appeals, in a case carried up from Monroe county, takes the grounds that the gray squirrel is anybody's meat at any time.

☛New Spring line Dress-Goods, Percales, Ducks, etc., at
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—Dr. R. H. Cavitt was in the city Wednesday. He has just recovered from a severe attack of rheumatism. We were glad to see him out again.

—In the Hickman Circuit Court last week the Heywood Boone case was continued until the next term on account of the absence of important witnesses.

☛M. B. Shaw is the leader in Farming Implements, Hardware and Groceries.

—The ice gorge in the Ohio river, near Louisville, broke Sunday, and threw the steamer Buckeye State high and dry on land. It is feared that the steamer will be a total loss.

—The blessings of life are difficult to secure and successfully elude pursuit, but when a man goes out hunting for unpleasant things he usually finds them without any trouble.

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—Miss Myrtle Cavitt, daughter of Dr. R. H. Cavitt, of Obion county, Tenn., is attending school at Nashville, Tenn. Miss Myrtle is one of the most accomplished young ladies in this section.

—Mr. John Noonan, of Fulton, was in the city this week, the guest of his father.

☛Don't forget the European Restaurant when you are hungry. Lunch from 5c up.

—Shares in the new series of the Hickman Building and Loan are being taken rapidly. It is a safe investment, and the easy way to utilize rents in securing your own home. This is the last week. The books close next Thursday. Call at once.

—Hon Henry George, of Wingo, is preparing a lecture on Gen. Forrest and his men, and when it is completed will deliver it in a number of places in Kentucky, Tennessee and Mississippi.

☛Too many Blankets on hand. Come and see how cheap I am selling them. H. C. AMBERG.

—The first Quarterly Conference for Hickman charge, M. E. Church, will be held Saturday night. The members of the board are earnestly requested to be present. Preaching Saturday morning at 11 o'clock, and Sunday and Sunday night at usual hours by Rev. A. R. Wilson, Presiding Elder.

—The "West Tennessee Courier" is the name of a new paper just started at Union City, by W. R. Andrews and Dr. J. M. Rippy. Mr. J. H. Sheffield is in charge of the mechanical department. We wish the gentlemen success.

☛We have now completed a large stock of Goods in our new building and we cordially invite you to come and see us in our new quarters. Respectfully,
1-29 4-3t. M. B. SHAW.

—The next regular meeting of the Hickman Building and Loan Association will be held at the court house next Thursday night, 18th inst. Parties desiring to take stock in the new series should apply to the Secretary on or before that date.

—The Commercial-Appeal says that when it comes to choosing between the astronomer and the ground hog as a weather prophet, our money goes on the groundhog every time. There may be spots on the sun, but there are none on the ground hog.

☛For Ladies and Children's shoes. We cannot be beat in quality and price. Call and examine my line, and you will say that they are as represented, good and cheap. H. C. AMBERG.

—Mr. J. F. Little, of the Lodgton precinct, is announced as a candidate for County Court Clerk, subject to the Democratic primary July 3rd. He is of an excellent family, old citizen of the County, and is reported to us as a young man well qualified for the office, and worthy in every respect.

—Notwithstanding the inclement weather, a fair-sized audience greeted Mr. Booth Lowrey, at City Hall, Friday night last, in his lecture, "Black Sunshine." The lecture was given under the auspices of the Ladies' Aid Society of the M. E. Church, and abounded in wit and humor.

—James Long, a groceryman at Mayfield, took a dose of morphine Saturday afternoon which ended his life Saturday night about 8 o'clock. He had twice before attempted suicide by the morphine route and the cause of his rashness is supposed to have been despondency on account of business reverses. He was about 35 years of age and leaves a family.

—An exchange asks the question "Why is it a girl who freezes to death every time she sweeps off the front steps, can ride 15 miles in a sleigh with nothing around her but some other girl's brother's arm, without ever getting a blue nose?" Will some of our lady friends please answer the question?

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—Mr. W. L. Davis and Miss Mary Latta were married at the home of the bride last night. Mr. Davis is a prominent grocery merchant of this place, and the bride is the daughter of a prosperous farmer living about nine miles from Fulton. They will reside here.—Fultonian-Democrat.

☛Extra Bargains in Winter Goods in the entire stock. Now is the time to buy.
2-12 4t H. C. AMBERG.

—A candidate for Magistrate in Marshall county, announces that he is in favor of free silver, free wool, free water, free marriages, free whiskey without discrimination. He is so free hearted that he frees a man from voting for him unless his conscience can sustain him for so doing.

—A good joke on a school marm comes from Cumberland Gap. A lady teacher told one of the boys to name all the Presidents and when he replied he couldn't, the teacher said, "When I was as old as you I could name all the Presidents in their order." The boy replied, "There were only a few Presidents then."

☛We show the Cheapest and Nobbiest line of Negligee Shirts, for spring, in town.
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—When the curfew tolls the knell of parting day, and the lowing herd comes winding o'er the lea, the urchins in some of the Kentucky towns have to hie themselves to their quiet homes before 8 o'clock, or pass the remainder of the evening in the lock-up. Wouldn't it be a good idea to make some of the older boys, say from 25 to 50, hunt their holes, too?

—By authority we this week announce Mr. Oscar Johnson, of the Cayce precinct, as a candidate for Assessor of this county. Mr. Johnson is ... citizens of the county and the voters could not bestow their favors on a more worthy man. He will, if elected, make a good officer, and would discharge the duties of the office in a business like manner. He is a Democrat and submits his claims to the Democratic primary, July 3rd.

☛I have placed on my counters some of the best makes of Childrens School Shoes at only $1.00 per pair. They are first-class Shoes, and will sell very fast at this price. Call and see them. Ladies Shoes at same price, and up to $3.50.
2 12 4t H. C. AMBERG.

—In this issue will be found the announcement of Mr. James R. Adams, of the Bend precinct, for the office of Sheriff. There is not in all Fulton county, or any other county, a cleverer, more liberal or generous man, than Mr. Adams, or a truer Democrat. We believe him to be well qualified. His precinct is small, never had a county officer, and Mr. Adams' friends now appeal to the magnanimity and fair dealing of the voters for the recognition of a worthy citizen of the Bend precinct.

—The Elizabethtown News remarks that the people who are directing so much of their attention to mob law would do better to investigate the courts, the juries and the criminal lawyers, for without a technical construction of the law by the judges, maudlin sentiment on the part of jurors and rascality and trickery on the part of the criminal lawyers there would be no necessity for mob law. Correct the evil that produces mob violence, the failure of justice in the courts, and mob violence would disappear.

Fourteenth Semi-Annual Statement

OF THE

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PROFIT AND LOSS:

To net Premiums for term	320.13	
" Interest for term	1,051.04	
" Fines for term	11 70	
" Fees for term	36.25	
By Expenses for term		223 85
" Gains for term		1,201 06
	$1,424.90	$1,424 90

DISTRIBUTION OF GAINS:

Adj'd to	[illegible]	Shares 8 per cent		$188.36	
"	D..35	"	"	66 10	
"	E..54	"	"	119 26	
"	F..14	"	"	26 74	
"	G..50	"	"	96 17	
"	H..34	"	"	46 58	
"	I..33	"	"	51 94	
"	J..41	"	"	70 40	
"	K..101	"	"	62 66	
"	L..101	"	"	41 41	
"	M..138	"	"	28 98	
"	All Series, 830 Shares,			414.41	
Gains this term,					$1,201.06
				$1,201.06	$1,201.06

VALUE PER SHARE—SERIES "C."

Value end last term	92.52
Dues this term	[illegible]
8 per cent interest this term	0 77
Profit, common, this term	[illegible]
Present apparent value	[illegible]

SERIES "D."

Value end last term	[illegible]
Dues this term	[illegible]
8 per cent interest this term	[illegible]
Profit, common, this term	[illegible]
Present apparent value	[illegible]

SERIES "E."

Value end last term	73 19
Dues this term	[illegible]
8 per cent interest this term	[illegible]
Profit, common, this term	[illegible]
Present apparent value	[illegible]

SERIES "F."

Value end last term	[illegible]
Dues this term	[illegible]
8 per cent interest this term	[illegible]
Profit, common, this term	[illegible]
Present apparent value	[illegible]

SERIES "G."

Value end last term	[illegible]
Dues this term	[illegible]
8 per cent interest this term	[illegible]
Profit, common, this term	[illegible]
Present apparent value	[illegible]

SERIES "H."

Value last term	[illegible]
Dues this term	[illegible]
8 per cent interest this term	[illegible]
Profit this term, common	[illegible]
Present apparent value	[illegible]

SERIES "I."

Value last term	[illegible]
Dues this term	[illegible]
8 per cent. interest this term	[illegible]
Profit in common	[illegible]
Present apparent value	[illegible]

SERIES "J."

Value last term	[illegible]
Dues this term	[illegible]
8 per cent. interest this term	[illegible]
Profit, common, this term	[illegible]
Present apparent value	[illegible]

SERIES "K."

Value end last term	[illegible]
Dues this term	[illegible]
8 per cent interest this term	[illegible]
Profit, common, this term	[illegible]
Present apparent value	[illegible]

SERIES "L."

Value end last term	13 85
Dues this term	[illegible]
8 per cent. interest this term	41
Profit, common, this term	[illegible]
Present apparent value	[illegible]

SERIES "M."

Value end last term	[illegible]
Dues this term	[illegible]
8 per cent interest this term	[illegible]
Profit, common, this term	[illegible]
Present apparent value	[illegible]

SERIES "N."

Dues this term	6.00
Profit common this term	1.00
Present apparent value	$ 7.00

ASSETS.

Loans on notes and mortgages	[illegible]	
Loans, on stock	[illegible]	
Real Estate	[illegible]	
Cash on hand	[illegible]	$[illegible],166.02

LIABILITIES.

Adjusted to Series C	[illegible]
" " " D	[illegible]
" " " E	[illegible]
" " " F	[illegible]
" " " G	[illegible]
" " " H	[illegible]
" " " I	[illegible]
" " " J	[illegible]
" " " K	[illegible]
" " " L	[illegible]
" " " M	[illegible]
" " " N	[illegible]
Undivided Surplus	0.00
	$33,166.02

"The First Battle."

I desire to call the attention of the Public to the fact that I am now prepared to offer you William J. Bryan's new book, "The First Battle," at Hard-Time prices. I feel assured if you once possess the book it will be treasured by you as a great prize. All orders for a copy of this book will be highly appreciated by me.
R. T. HENDRICK, Ag't,
Hickman, Ky.

☛M. B. Shaw buys and sells Fresh Butter and Eggs.

—We are authorized to announce Mr. M. L. Rascoe, of Fulton, as a candidate for Assessor. The following from one of his home papers, the Guard, is a sufficient recommendation as to his fitness for the office, etc:

"Fate Rascoe, though young in years, is a man of family; was marshal of the city of Fulton for two years, was city tax collector, and has for the past year served as deputy sheriff of this county. He is a sterling democrat, strictly moral in his habits, and has succeeded in filling the offices in which he has been entrusted, to the satisfaction of his constituents and the public in general."

Mr. Rascoe makes the race subject to the action of the Democratic primary, Saturday, July 3rd.

☛Oysters, Wieners, etc., at
EUROPEAN RESTAURANT.

—In the interest of suffering humanity, somebody ought to make a pilgrimage to St. Louis and suppress Rev Irl R. Hicks, the great weather disturber. In the last issue of his paper "Word and Works" he makes these outlandish statements, "We predict that the central and southern parts of the country will probably have their worst weather in February and March. The deepest snows and worst weather will be about the middle of March. Unseasonable weather will continue until the full moon in April. Indications are that there will be much rain and severe frosts and hard freezes until after April 20th.

NOTICE!

We have nearly one hundred Watches that we will sell if not called for in 30 days.
BUCK BROS.

Bed Ridden for Thirty Years with Rheumatism.

Four years ago, my mother, who had been bed ridden for thirty years, heard of Chamberlain's Pain Balm. We tried it and her rheumatism was so much relieved that she was able to get about a little by the use of a chair. We are never without it.—Mrs. H. Gigher, Emporia, Kas. For sale by T. T. SWAYNE, Druggist.

NEARING THE WIND-UP

Of our great CLEARING SALE. *Not much* longer can it continue, for the New Spring Goods are beginning to arrive. *Room we must have.* So we've this week

Blankets. The greatest Blanket Sale in our history. Not many left, so we have reduced them again.
All wool 11 4 Blankets, were $10.00, now $6.95
All-wool 11-4 Blankets, sold at $8.50, now $5.75
Our $6.50 11-4 all-wool kind, 4 50
$1 50 Blankets now 90c.
1.25 " " 75c.
1.00 " " 65c.

Boys Waists. We have entirely too many — must get rid of them.
Mothers Friends Waists,
$1.00 kind now 70c.
75c kind now 55c.
35 and 40c Waists now 25c.

Shoes. The Shoes we offer you at *half price and less*, are of the finest quality Kid, custom-made goods, flexible soles. *No finer Shoes in Hickman.* Sold regularly at $3.50, 3.00 and 2.50.
As the toes are mostly common sense, we offer choice at $1.50
Ladies and Misses sizes.

Cottons. While it lasts
Heavy Brown Domestic....... 4c
Bleached Domestic, our 7½c quality, at....... 6c
Choice Dress Prints....... 5c
10-4 Brown Sheeting....... 17c
10 4 Bleached Sheeting....... 20c

Suits. To liven up the trade for the next few days, we've been through the Clothing stock, picked out some of the best sellers, and here's the result

At **$6.95** Mens and Boys Suits.
Fine Clay Worsteds, all-wool Cassimeres and Cheviots.
None sold less than $10.00.
In this sale at $6.95

At **$9 50** our $12.50 line of Men's Suits contains the greatest values ever shown. Our best sellers in this line are Black Clays, Single and Double-breast, Fine Worsteds, all-wool Cassimeres, Double-breast Yacht Cloths, Fancy Plaids.
Regular price $12.50.
In this sale at $9.50

In our Childrens Knee Suits, we offer you choice of our finest $7.50 and $5.00 suit at $3.50

Pants. A line of Mens Pants, that were $3.00 and 3.50, now....... $2.00

Cash Only BUYS these Goods. Positively NOTHING charged.

Smith, Ellison & Co.

A HOME FOR YOU!

Debt Yields a Profit.

Seven Years' Actual Experience!

The 15th series of the Hickman Building and Loan Association is now open for the admission of new members. 7 years of actual operation in Hickman under its present management has proven its thorough safety and reliability. Hundreds of our citizens have borrowed money through it, secured homes by utilizing rent, and own stock as an investment and willingly bear testimony to its advantage. Three fifths of the improvements made in Hickman and vicinity within the last seven years have been made directly and indirectly through this association. You pay by installments. You are sure to get all your money back and some profit. The shares of the borrower makes exactly the same profit as the non-borrower. For further information, or explanation call on the Secretary.

"Black Sunshine."

The lecture by Prof. Booth Lowrey, on "Black Sunshine," at the city hall last Friday evening, was pronounced by all who heard it very fine. Although the evening was exceedingly inclement, and on that account the audience small, and the speaker too was hoarse, nevertheless, for one and a half hours, he entertained his hearers with flashes of humor that made them laugh heartily and forget for the time that there was gloom in the weather.

One hearer perhaps expressed the sentiment of all when he said that "Lowrey was a humorist of the first quality and a born comedian."

The lecture was under the auspices of the Ladies Aid Society of the Methodist church. On account of the inclement weather they realized no financial profit, but Prof. Lowrey has very kindly promised to come and lecture for them again at an early day.

We bespeak for him, if conditions are at all favorable, a full house.

The subject of the next lecture will be: "Simon says wigwag."

Subscribing for Metropolitan Papers.

The coming year will be crowded with big news events and happenings, the details of which every-one interested in national and foreign affairs will want to read. The best Western newspaper published is the Semi-Weekly Republic, of St. Louis. It is only $1 a year, and for that amount it will send two papers a week to any address for one year. The Republic daily is $6 a year, $3 for six months and $1.50 for three months.

ACQUITTED.

The examining trial of Harry Judge and Ernest Johnson, charged with having killed Chas. Williams at Cayce on the night of the 2nd inst., an account of which was published in the Courier last week, was held before Esq. J. J. Jones last Thursday and Friday, and resulted in their being acquitted of wilfully shooting and killing said Williams. The trial attracted considerable interest because of the fact that all the parties to the sad affair were well known. Williams was a young man of excellent character and connected with some of the best families in the county, and much sympathy is expressed for his bereaved relatives.

A CUT

On all Heavy Winter Goods now on hand. They must be sold before spring time.
H. C. AMBERG.

WOMANS' MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

In making our bow to the public, we wish, first of all, to thank the courteous Proprietor and Editor of the Courier for kindly giving to our Society space for a monthly budget of missionary items. We hope to improve this column from time to time so as to make it of interest not only to the members of the Womans' Missionary Society, but to all the readers of the Courier. Our monthly meeting for January was held at the residence of Judge Randle. Notwithstanding the bitter cold weather, there was a good attendance, an interesting meeting, two new members enrolled and a promise of other names at the next meeting. How can we make our Society the livest in the district? Talk it up, work it up, pray it up, pay it up, sing it up, praise it up lift it up. Mr. Gladstone is credited with the following remark: "Talk about the questions of the day, there is but one question, and that is the Gospel. It can and will correct everything needing correction. All men at the head of great governments are Christian men. During the many years I was in the cabinet I was brought into association with sixty master minds, and all of them but five were Christians. My only hope for the world is in bringing the human mind in contact with the Divine Revelation." Missionaries are successfully carrying the Gospel to every part of the world.

Out of the shadows of night,
The world rolls into light,
It is daybreak everywhere.

Do you wish to lighten the burden of some heavy laden women and kindle a ray of light in some benighted home in the heathen land? Then join the Missionary Society.

"He who puts a touch of sunshine into a saddened heart works with God," so wrote George MacDonald. You can do the same by joining our Missionary Society.

"A loving deed is a living seed,
Which finds full fruitage never,
Its tree doth grow through calm or blow
And blooms and yields forever."

☛If you are looking for bargains in Dry Goods and Clothing, now is the time. I am offering my stock at cut prices.
H. C. AMBERG.

Fine Chickens for Sale.

Black Langshans, the finest, healthiest and best layers of all. 50 cts each or Five dollars a Dozen for roosters and hens.
MRS. M. A. McDANIEL,
2-12-2t Hickman, Ky.

TOO MANY!

Boot and Underwear Sale,

—AT THE—

Cash Shoe Store.

TOO MANY $2.00, 1.75 and 1.50 Mens Boots, piled out on table, pick and choice at	$1.25
TOO MANY $3.00 and 3.50 Mens Boots, on table, pick and choice,	2.00
TOO MANY $1.75 and 1.50 Boys Boots, on table, 2s to 5s, pick and choice.	1.25
TOO MANY $1.50 and 1.25 Boys Boots, on table, 11s, 12s and 13s, pick and choice	1.00
TOO MANY $1.25 pure Wool Undershirts or Drawers, on table, pick and choice	75c
TOO MANY $1.75 (worth $2.00) Shirts or Drawers, on table, pick and choice	1.25

TOO MANY heavy School Shoes, Custom-made, regular grades, $1.75, 1.50 and 1.25, according to sizes, 25c a pair off.

☛ We always have what we advertise.

Sanders & Rice.

CASH ONLY.

New

Cycling Tweeds, 29 inches wide, Woolenettes, 28 inch, Tailor Made Suitings. All the above in checks and Mixtures, 12½ cents.

New Percales.

27 inch at .... 8c.
31 inch at 10c
Newest Patterns.

New Embroideries.

Nainsook and Hamburg, Edgings and Insertings. Edges all cut out.

Smith, Ellison & Co.

TRIBUTE OF RESPECT.

Whereas, it has pleased our Heavenly Father to remove from our midst and Sunday School, our beloved associate and school mate, Chas. B. Williams, and being desirous of expressing an appreciation of him as a dearly beloved member of the Sunday school, therefore be it

Resolved, that in his death this Sunday School is deprived of a good and faithful member.

Resolved, that we, the members of this Sunday School, extend to the family of our deceased brother, our sincere condolence in this, their sad affliction, and point them to him who doeth all things well.

Resolved, that a copy of these resolutions be spread upon our minutes, a copy sent to the family of the deceased, and that they be published in the Hickman Courier.

Respectfully submitted.
JAS CAMPBELL,
ELLIS MAYES, } Com'tee.
GOLIE WADE

THERE were 305 failures in the United States last week. There were 328 during the corresponding week last year.

Free Pills.

Send your address to H. E. Bucklen & Co., Chicago, and get a free sample box of Dr. King's New Life Pills. A trial will convince you of their merits. These pills are easy in action and are particularly effective in the cure of Constipation and Sick Headache. For Malaria and Liver troubles they have been proven invaluable. They are guaranteed to be perfectly free from every deleterious substance and to be purely vegetable. They do not weaken by their action, but by giving tone to stomach and bowels greatly invigorate the system. Regular size 25c. per box. Sold by T. T. SWAYNE, Druggist.

THE United States Supreme Court rules that States have power to levy a franchise tax on express companies.

For Sale or Rent.

Dwelling house with 5 rooms, and 6 acres of land with good orchard. Convenient to College. Apply for terms, &c., to
JNO. C. HAGAN.

Your Boy Wont Live a Month.

So Mr. Gilman Brown, of 34 Mill St., South Gardner, Mass., was told by the doctors. His son had Lung trouble, following Typhoid Malaria, and he spent three hundred and seventy-five dollars with doctors, who finally gave him up, saying: "Your son wont live a month." He tried Dr. King's New Discovery and a few bottles restored him to health and enabled him to go to work a perfectly well man. He says he owes his present good health to the use of Dr. King's New Discovery, and knows it to be the best in the world for Lung trouble. Trial bottles free at T. T. Swayne's drug store.

IN some parts of the country the unemployed are given employment on the public highway. In that way a double benefit is derived from the plan. The unemployed are given work and do not become a charge on public charity, and at the same time the highways are improved. In this way charity is dispensed, but not in the shape of charity, and the public gets value received for the money they contribute to the unemployed and needy.

Experience is the Only True Test.

F. A. Turner, of the State Insurance Office, Salem, Ills., says "Out of the scores of cough medicines in the market there is only one I have any confidence in and that is Chamberlain's Cough Remedy. I make this statement after an experience of twelve year's use of this valuable remedy. For coughs and colds it is splendid but where its work is infallible is with children subject to croup. I keep it in my home at all times." For sale by T. T. SWAYNE.

CORN SHIPPERS

Can secure special rates to New Orleans. Tarpolins, bills of lading, and telegrams ordering Boats to stop for same, will be furnished free of charge to the shipper.

Shipments of persimmon wood promptly attended to, free of charge to shipper.

Tickets can be furnished to all points between Cincinnati and New Orleans.

Watch for the Mardi Gras excursion to New Orleans. Boat will leave Cincinnati Feb. 18th, 1897.

FARIS & BARRY.
Wharf Agents, Hickman, Ky.
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DRUGS. DRUGS.

C. A. HOLCOMBE,

DEALER IN

PURE DRUGS,

Medicines, Paints, Oils, Dye Stuffs.

☛ Prescriptions Carefully Compounded.

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HAVING resumed the practice of law, will give his prompt and undivided attention to business entrusted to his care

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Splendid Selection of

NEW BOOKS,
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Call and see our Stock. Everything up to date.
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Fire, Life and Accident Insurance.

Agent for ten of the best Fire Insurance Companies. Represents the largest and best Life Insurance Company in the world,

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of New York. This Company issues over a hundred different forms of policy contracts so that you can get anything you want in the way of Life Insurance in the best of all Good Companies by applying to

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HICKMAN, KY.

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J. M. WITTING,

DEALER IN

STAPLE AND FANCY GROCERIES

TOBACCO, CIGARS, ETC.

My Stock is always Fresh and Complete, and I invite the public to come and see me.
Cash paid for Country Produce.

Witting's old stand, Clinton Street,
HICKMAN, KY.

Faris & Parker,

LIVERY AND FEED

STABLE,

Corner Kentucky and Carroll Streets,

HICKMAN, KENTUCKY.

☛Good rigs with or without drivers furnished day or night. Lowest rates to Commercial Men. Good lot room adjoining.

A. F. OLIVER,

Blacksmith and Undertaker

HICKMAN, KENTUCKY.

GIVE ME A TRIAL when you want Blacksmithing done, or repairs on Wagons, &c. Horseshoeing a specialty. I also keep a full line of

Undertaker's Goods.

Common, Rosewood, and Solid Stock ... Coffins and Cases, which can be ... up on short notice, and at ... prices. Give me a call.

☛ Shop near the Jail.

How's This?

We offer One Hundred Dollars Reward for any case of Catarrh that can not be cured by Hall's Catarrh Cure.

F. J. CHENEY & CO., Props., Toledo, O.

We, the undersigned, have known F. J. Cheney for the last 15 years, and believe him perfectly honorable in all business transactions and financially able to carry out any obligations made by their firm.

WEST & TRUAX, Wholesale Druggists, Toledo, O.

WALDING, KINNAN & MARVIN, Wholesale Druggists, Toledo, Ohio.

Hall's Catarrh Cure is taken internally, acting directly upon the blood and mucous surfaces of the system. Price 75c. per bottle. Sold by all Druggists. Testimonials free.

Hall's Family Pills are the best.

"It is certainly wonderful how much science can do for us." "Yes; Mrs. Frontcow has learned to hypnotize her baby, and she didn't miss a club meeting the whole week."—Cleveland Record.

Homeseekers' Excursion Tickets.

On February 15th and 16th, March 1st, 2nd, 15th and 16th, April 5th, 6th, 19th and 20th, May 3rd, 4th, 17th and 18th, 1897, Homeseekers' excursion tickets will be sold by the Cleveland, Akron & Columbus R'y, to nearly every point in the West, North and Northwest, South and Southwest at rates of about one fare for the round trip.

Parties contemplating a trip will do well to see or write to any C. A. & C. R'y. agent for rates of fare, limits of tickets and full information, or to the undersigned. C. F. DALY, General Passenger Agent, Cleveland, O.

BREATHLESS HUNTER—"I say, boy, did you see a rabbit run by here?" Boy—"Yes, sir." Hunter—"How long ago?" Boy—"I think it'll be three years next Christmas."—Tit-Bits.

Twins in Size, Shape and Activity.

This is what those important little organs, the kidneys are when healthy. In disorder they may differ in all three particulars. Disease usually destroys them successively, not simultaneously, and one may be active while the other is semi-paralyzed. Give to both a healthful impulse, without exciting them, with Hostetter's Stomach Bitters, which forestalls such dreadful maladies as Bright's disease and diabetes. Use the Bitters also, for malarial, bilious, rheumatic, nervous, bowel and kidney trouble.

"The pun," said some one to Henry Erskine, an incurable at the practice, "is the lowest of all forms of wit." "And therefore the foundation of it all."

The Inauguration of President McKinley

will attract many prominent individuals to Washington. You can attend very cheaply, and enjoy a most satisfactory trip, by going via the B. & O. S-W. Ry. Tickets good going March 1, 2 and 3, and good returning including March 8, at special low rates for this occasion, with a Splendid Train Service. Make up your parties, and for further information, consult any agent B. & O. S-W. Ry. Write for guide to Washington, to J. M. Chesbrough, Gen'l Pass. Agt., Cincinnati, O.

"I have two friends who never talk behind my back. You may think you have a greater number, but probably you are mistaken."—Drake Watson.

Small Prices for Vehicles and Harness

The Elkhart Carriage and Harness Mfg. Co., Elkhart, Ind., have for 24 years been selling their goods direct to consumers at factory prices. Horse owners should send for large, free catalogue that will save them money.

KITSON—"Ah, there is a lovely girl, Miss Lulu. Her face is her fortune." Catesby—"Um! She must have made an assignment lately."—Philadelphia North American.

SALZER'S GERMAN COFFEE BERRY.

A package of this and big seed catalogue is sent you by the John A. Salzer Seed Co., La Crosse, Wis., upon receipt of 15 cents stamps and this notice. [K]

The man who always does his best will find a steady demand for the things that he can do.—Ram's Horn.

No-To-Bac for Fifty Cents.

Over 400,000 cured. Why not let No-To-Bac regulate or remove your desire for tobacco. Saves money, makes health and manhood. Cure guaranteed, 50c and $1.00, all druggists.

The greatest obligation of the parent to the child is to give it a safe example.—Ram's Horn.

A. W. McCORMICK & SONS, Pension Attorneys, whose advertisement appears every other week in this paper, are at Cincinnati, Ohio, and Washington, D. C. They are thoroughly reliable.

USUALLY when a man defends other people he is defending something in his own past experience.—Atchison Globe.

FITS stopped free and permanently cured. No fits after first day's use of Dr. Kline's Great Nerve Restorer. Free $2 trial bottle & treatise. DR. KLINE, 933 Arch St., Phila., Pa.

SURE THING.—Hiply—"I do hope that I can smoke in the next world." Dipdy—"I've no doubt that you will be accommodated."—Detroit Free Press.

WE have not been without Piso's Cure for Consumption for 20 years.—LIZZIE FERREL, Camp St., Harrisburg, Pa., May 4, '94.

"WHAT a small mind Mrs. Veulynne has!" "Naturally. She has given her husband so many pieces of it."—Tit-Bits.

IF stiff and sore, St. Jacobs Oil will cure you. Won't lose a day. The cure is sure.

The devil's hardest blows are aimed at the home.—Ram's Horn.

CASCARETS stimulate liver, kidneys and bowels. Never sicken, weaken or gripe, 10c.

IN WHIST—"Papa, what is the glad hand?" "Five trumps and a long suit."—Chicago Record.

KNOCKED out by lumbago! It's because you don't cure it with St. Jacobs Oil.

IT may sometimes cost you a good deal to do right, but it will be sure to cost you more not to do it.

Blood

That is pure, rich and full of vitality feeds the nerves and gives strength to all the organs. Therefore keep the blood pure by taking

Hood's Sarsaparilla

The One True Blood Purifier.

Hood's Pills do not cause pain or gripe. All druggists. 25c.

America's Crownless King!

Those who attend the inauguration of President McKinley should go to Washington via the picturesque

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as it is the only line combining every essential feature of an attractive tourist route, namely, varied and beautiful scenery, of historic interest and best track and train service. Trains are run on the block system and are lighted with electricity, heated with steam and carry through Dining Cars. The clock-work regularity of its schedule and the perfection of its equipment has made the

"F. F. V. Limited,"

The most famous railroad train of America. For rates and other information address

C. B. RYAN, A. G. P. A., C. & O. Ry., Cincinnati, O.

GREAT WORD CONTEST $2,000 in GOLD GIVEN AWAY.

To more thoroughly introduce our Famous Mrs. [illegible] Bug Exterminator [illegible] we will give away in prizes [illegible] First Prize, $700; 2nd, $200; 3rd, [illegible] The next [illegible] Send us 25c, and 6c extra for postage, and we will send you a box of the Exterminator, with full directions of award contest. The New York Mfg. Co., Schenectady, N. Y.

PISO'S CURE FOR CURES WHERE ALL ELSE FAILS. Best Cough Syrup. Tastes Good. Use in time. Sold by druggists. CONSUMPTION

MY VALENTINE.

STILL retain its rhythmic flow,
Because I read it many times;
It came like this, when long ago
It came to me from Billy Grimes.

'Twas "writ" with bright red ink, I mind,
And right above a pair of hearts
Were pierced by knives of some queer kind,
Which Billy meant for "Cupid's darts."

DEER GORL GURL: IVE LOVED YOU AWFULL HARD
THO' FORE THIS HERE IVE MADE NO SINE
BUT NOW YOU'LL SEE BY THIS SMALL CARD
I AM YOUR OWN TREW VOLENTINE
BILLY G.

Ah, how I laughed until I cried
O'er Billy's sentimental screed;
Tho' well I knew the loyal pride
That lay behind its ill-spelled creed.

Had he not battled for me well,
When once a spiteful boy had said
(He missed and I the word did spell)
My golden locks were "fiery red?"

And had he not—true-hearted boy—
Saved up his pence to buy a treat,
And then with quiet, transparent joy,
Laid down the treasure at my feet?

'Tis true I scorned his snubby nose,
His freckles and his warty hands,
His odd, old-fashioned, home-made clothes,
His servile mien at my commands.

And with a girl's strange wayward whim,
Behind my checkered pinafore,
I joined in making sport of him,
Because myself he did adore.

Poor Billy! years have come and gone
Since last I gazed into your eyes,
And saw, like some poor wounded fawn,
Your look of anguish and surprise.

And I have roamed 'mid scenes afar,
Have quaffed life's cup unto the lees;
And on my heart is many a scar
Of woundings made by hate's decrees.

And oft I wonder, after all,
If with that little blotted line
That lies beneath time's somber pall,
I did not lose "My Valentine."

—Rosa Pearle, in Chicago Tribune.

THE "HIGH-TOP SWEETING" TREE.

A Valentine Story.

THEY all cried—everyone of the Bells, from Peggy, who was 16, down to Rufus (who was six, and despised a crybaby), when old Mr. Pigeon moved away. He was such a tried and trusty friend, and, if he was 60, such a congenial companion. He was always ready to go fishing or coasting with the boys, or to take the girls to drive; although he was a bachelor and lived alone, and had a double carriage and the largest sleigh on Pippin Hill—because he had so large a heart, Peggy said. He knew as much about the wild things in the woods as "The Hunter's Own Book," and on a rainy day or when one had the mumps or the measles he would tell stories by the dozen—stories that were worth telling, too, for he had been "'round the world and home again," and knew all there was to know about cannibals and buccaneers and wild men, and all such distinguished and interesting people.

It happened that the only houses on the tip-top of Pippin Hill were the Belfry (I suppose the Bells' house may have received that name because Papa Bell always spoke of his children as his "small fry;" anyway, that is what everyone in Bloomsboro' called it) and the old Pigeon house, which had belonged to this Mr. Pigeon's grandfather. The houses backed up to each other, and there was a mutual backyard fence, so, of course, it was very desirable that the neighbors should be friendly and congenial; more than this, there was a mutual apple tree. The gnarled old "high-top sweeting" was directly on the boundary line between the two estates, and the mutual fence had been cut in two to make space for it. Its branches were low and spreading, in spite of its high top, and they spread very impartially over the Bells' smooth lawn and over Mr. Pigeon's orchard, and dropped their delicious fruit—early, the first sweet apples that there were—almost as evenly as if it were measured on each of their owners' land. The only difference was that the August sunshine lay longer upon Mr. Pigeon's side, so the first red and yellow, mellow and juicy apples dropped upon his orchard grass—and he tossed them up to Christine in her seat in the low crotch of the tree, the seat that he had made for her.

It was Christine who thought the most of Mr. Pigeon and he of her, because they both had a twist, Christine said. She would always speak of her trouble cheerfully, even jokingly. You would scarcely have thought that she minded it at all; it was a spinal weakness which had bowed her shoulders and twisted her head to one side. The others didn't mind much when Christine was left out of things; they were a rough, merry set, but Mr. Pigeon had always remembered her. His twist was in one of his legs; he had to wear an uncomfortable iron boot, and walked with a queer, sideways motion.

When Becky, who was 11 and was called the Bloomsboro' Budget, because she carried all the news, came home with the dreadful intelligence that Mr. Pigeon was going to move away, no one would believe it.

"In the first place, it's too dreadful to be true, and in the next place he would have told us," said Peggy.

But it really proved to be true. Mr. Pigeon's sister—his own sister!—had gone to law to obtain a share of her grandfather's estate, which he had failed to bequeath to her because she had gone contrary to his wishes in some way, and the only share that she would have was that old estate on Pippin Hill. Perhaps the law might force her to take something else as her share, since he had held possession there so long; but she was Hitty, and he should give it up to her. That was what Mr. Pigeon said in answer to the indignant remonstrances of the Bells. She was Hitty; that was all he would say; perhaps it wasn't much of a reason, but the Bells understood. We all know what it is to give up things to people just because they are Ivy or Polly or John.

So it happened that the Bells' dear Mr. Pigeon went away to a little house that he owned down at Pequanket Mills and Miss Mehitable Pigeon came to live at the old place on Pippin Hill and owned half of the high-top sweeting tree.

And the very first thing she did—it was September when she came—was to threaten to have Tommy Bell arrested, because when he shook their side of the tree her side shook too, and she said the top of the tree leaned toward their side and more apples fell there, so when the apples were picked and divided she must have an extra bushel. She threatened to have their yellow kitten drowned because he scampered after the flying leaves in her garden, and, she did have their cross gobbler killed because it ran after her red morning gown, as a gobbler will, you know, and gobbled at her. He wasn't much loss, and she sent him home plucked and dressed, with the message that she should have eaten him if she hed not feared he would be tough.

She complained that Becky's peacock squawked and Dicky's guinea pigs squeaked, and the vane on their stable had "a rusty squeak" that kept her awake nights; and if one of the little Bells mounted the fence she came out and "shooed" him off as if he were a chicken.

Christine, who was inclined to look on the bright side and to think well of every one, said that she would probably grow better when they got better acquainted, and she gave Tommy and little Rufus five cents each not to use their bean slingers over the fence or make faces through the knothole.

But instead of growing better their new neighbor grew worse. She had the mutual fence built up ten feet high, she had the branches of the sweeting tree lopped off where they interfered with the fence, and Christine's seat thrown down to the ground so roughly that it was broken. She said she had let people impose upon her all her life, and she wasn't going to any more.

Papa Bell, who was an easy man and absorbed in his business, said he supposed that so many children and squeaking things did make them troublesome neighbors; but he thought they should have to remonstrate with Miss Pigeon about the fence, because it took away so much of their sunshine. Christine begged him to wait; she always would believe that people were going to be better, and she knew there must be something good about Miss Pigeon because she looked like her brother—"only the twist seemed to be in her mind, poor thing!"

It was November when Christine's seat was thrown out of the tree, so she could not have used it any more that season any way; and when anyone asked her how she was going to do without it in the spring, she always answered: "Perhaps Miss Hitty will be good by that time." But that transformation didn't seem in the least likely to anyone else. She never forgot that Mr. Pigeon had said she was Hitty, though how she could ever be Hitty to anybody was more than the other young Bells could understand.

Christine would bow to her, too, and smile, shyly, although Miss Pigeon only scowled dreadfully in response. Far more difficult to forgive than their own wrongs was the injury she had inflicted upon her brother. He wrote to them doleful letters which showed plainly how homesick he was for the good air and the goodfellowship of Pippin Hill. One of the neighbors who saw him at

"SHE DIDN'T TAP ME WITH A WAND, SHE SENT ME A VALENTINE."

Pequanket said one would hardly know him—he had "pined away" so.

After that little Rufus (honorably) returned the five cents to Christine, because he knew he should yield to the temptation to make faces through the knothole again.

Christine turned a little pale when she heard this about Mr. Pigeon, and she put on her thinking cap. She couldn't go to school like the others, she couldn't go skating; in fact, there were so many things she couldn't do that it could have been very discouraging to one who believes less firmly than Christine did that things as well as people were going to be better; but that gave her all the more time to wear her thinking cap. And Christine's thoughts were pretty apt to blossom into deeds some way.

Christine had made the Christmas wreaths of evergreen and holly from their own Pippin Hill woods, and she had sent two beauties to Miss Pigeon, who had promptly returned them with the message that she didn't want such rubbish littering up her house. Now when they heard that sad news from Mr. Pigeon she was making valentines. She had a very dainty knack with both pencil and brush, for a 14-year-old girl, and her valentines were more beautiful than any that could be bought in the shops, or so the Bloomsboro' young people all thought.

The fashion of sending valentines might wane elsewhere, but it always cried over them. And now she had flourished in Bloomsboro', perhaps because Christine Bell kept it up. She sent them to the very last people who expected to have a valentine—to neglected old people and forlorn sick people, to Biddy Maguire, just from the old country, and "kilt" with homesickness, and to Antony Burke, the old miser, for whom no one had a civil word and who, perhaps, didn't deserve one. And for every valentine that was disregarded or thrown impatiently aside, a dozen made a little warmth and comfort in a sad heart; for nobody has yet begun to understand how great is the day of small things.

Christine was more mysterious than usual this year about her valentines; she colored when Peggy said she would better send one to Miss Pigeon, but they never thought she would; they thought she was only sensitive about her Christmas wreath. When Mr. Pigeon went away he gave Christine an old desk that he had had ever since he was a boy. It had initials and hearts and anchors cut into it and was whittled at every corner; you would have known if you'd seen it anywhere that it had belonged to a boy. But Christine would have it in her own room; she thought it was beautiful. It had his boy letters and diaries in it, and she had laughed and found in that old desk material for the very queerest valentine she had ever made; and although she liked to share the fun of making her valentines with the others, she was a little secretive about that.

What should the paper be but a leaf from one of the old diaries, one side all written over in an unformed, boyish hand; and this is what was written on it (the ink faded by time):

"i cant bare to rite becos hity has the fever and i cant bare knot to rite becos it semes like teling sombody. she held my hand lite when she did knot now enybody last nite and i did knot let them send me to bed the fellers say if she does [illegible] i hav other sisters but they are knot hity the fellers do knot understand wen enybody sais she will evver bar a bo like our aguste hity sais the Tom Tinker verse and that means me as is rote on the last leef of this diry mi name is Thomas Tinkham Pigeon hity has gott a Temper but so hav a Good Meny People and she is Good wey inside and she is hity and she and i will always liv together but i cant bare to rite eny more for i want to now what the dokter sais. they say a feller must be A Man but wen it is hity i cant bare—"

Here the words became illegible on the old yellow paper; there were blurs and smudges as of tears. Though valentines are supposed to be dainty, Christine didn't try to clean it a bit! And on the unwritten side, instead of painting any of her pretty flowers or drawing hearts or cupids, she only wrote "the Tom Tinker verse" which Hitty had lovingly quoted to her brother:

"Tom Tinker's my true love, and I am his dear,
I'll gang alang wi' him his budget to bear."

It certainly was a very queer valentine. Christine thought it would probably be returned, even more scornfully than the Christmas wreath—if Miss Pigeon should guess who sent it—and she would be likely to guess that it came from the Belfry; for she knew that her brother had given them many of his belongings.

She sent it with fear and trembling and she told none of the others, for the older ones seemed, in their hearts, to share the feeling of Tom and little Rufus, that the only form of approach to Miss Pigeon was bean-slinger in hand.

The valentine wasn't returned; but nothing seemed to come of it. The Bells' Jane heard from Miss Pigeon's Jane that her mistress had neuralgia. One day after March had come, and a bluebird had been seen to alight upon the high-top sweeting tree, as Christine came along the garden path there came a shrill, imperative voice through the knothole in the fence.

"If you have any more of those leaves, stuff them through the knothole; if you have the whole diary throw it over the fence."

Of course Christine wasn't going to do that with the diary that seemed so precious; but she did send it around to Miss Pigeon's door by old Jerry, the gardener, for none of the boys would go.

It was about a week after that a man made, under Miss Pigeon's direction, a new seat in the crotch of the apple tree—a seat that was delightfully comfortable for a back that wasn't strong. Miss Pigeon seemed to know just how. When it was finished she went up and examined it and tried it. Then she called to Christine, who was sitting on the porch.

"I'm a cantankerous old woman, was born cantankerous," she said. "But there's your seat!"

No one at the Belfry knew what to think of Miss Pigeon; it was little Rufus' opinion that a good fairy had tapped her with her wand and turned her into something else, and he was much disappointed to find, on peeping through the knothole, that she looked just the same.

"It's delightful," Christine said, slowly. "But it isn't exactly what I meant by the valentine," she added, to herself.

But a few days after, what Christine had meant by the valentine really did happen! Sometimes things that seem too good to be true do come to pass in this world. Miss Pigeon mounted the high buggy in which she drove herself and went down to Pequanket; when she came back Mr. Pigeon was with her. Tommy discovered it first as they drove into the yard and raised a shout. All the young Bells rushed pell mell into the apple tree and dropped from its branches into Miss Pigeon's orchard—even Peggy who was 16—shouting and laughing and crying all together. They quite forgot Miss Pigeon until her harsh voice broke into the whirlwind of greetings; with all its harshness there was a queer little quaver in it!

"He's come back and he's going to stay," she said. "It is he that belongs here and not I. If you're born with a cross-grained disposition you've got to get over it when you're young or you'll have to have more'n a ten-foot fence between you and other people. I'm going back to nursing people in a hospital—yes, I can, though you wouldn't think it; and they like me! There's a doctor I know who has invented a new contrivance for—for making backs straight"—her voice really broke now, but she recovered herself instantly; "they're easier to straighten than crooked dispositions! I'm going to send one here, and I want her to try it." She nodded toward Christine, and then she turned away suddenly. Little Rufus ran after her—prudently keeping his hand on the bean-slinger in his pocket. (They had discovered at an early stage of the acquaintance that if Miss Pigeon had a weakness it was a terror of the bean-slingers.) "Are you really just the same? Didn't a good fairy turn you into something else?" he demanded, breathlessly.

Miss Pigeon turned and looked down upon him, her strong features working.

"Yes, she did!" she answered gruffly.

"Did she tap you with her wand?" pursued little Rufus, eagerly, delighted with this confirmation of beliefs that were scorned in his home circle.

"She didn't tap me with a wand," and Miss Pigeon; "she sent me a valentine."—Sophie Swett, in N. Y. Independent.

HIS FIRST VALENTINE.

Although a Second-Hand One, He Was in Blissful Ignorance of the Fact.

Eight years of age—and what a glory there was in valentines! We had picked one out. It was ugly green, impossible pinks, and other hues too horrible to imagine. Cupid without clothes stood in a snow bank, shooting darts at a pair of lovers who idled at the same old [illegible] and never seemed to mind the frigidity of the weather. It cost seven cents, envelope and stamp three [illegible] more. In a crabbed hand it was sent forth upon its delightful mission and he was at the little rural post office window to see that it did not go [illegible]. She smiled and blushed when the dainty thing was handed to her, [illegible] miss of seven, with soap curls, and cheeks as red as rosy apples. Found out? Not she; she didn't stop to [illegible] or think, but ran shrieking home [with] the cheap affair hugged to her breast—a missive worth more [than] gold or diamonds; her first valentine. And he who sent it—he gazed [after] the flying form with a strange [feel]ing in his heart. He wanted to tell her all about it. He wanted to tell her that he was the one who sent it; but he was a little man, and he kept the secret to himself, and asked time and again at the post office window if there was anything for him. The others, his playmates, boys and girls, they found messages put up in fancy envelopes, all nicely stamped and directed; but there was none for him.

His head was not held upright, and his eyes were not bright when he entered his home. His mother saw that something was wrong, and she questioned him.

"I got no valentine. I—I sent one, but—but—I guess she forgot." And he went to prepare for supper.

When he sat down to tea a pretty, dainty valentine was upon his plate.

"She didn't forget me, mamma! See, mamma!" he cried, with joy.

And mamma joined in with him—but she did not tell him that she had received that same valentine years before he was born.—H. S. Keller, in Leslie's Weekly.

IN HONOR OF ST. VALENTINE.

Some of the Superstitions Associated with the Observance of the Day.

St. Valentine, who for so many years has been presiding over a very cold shrine, is about to be brought back heartily into fashion this month, and sniff the sweet savor of maiden's prayers and sacrifices on his altar. There are to be dances in his honor, and rites observed appropriate to the day. Red roses are to be worn by enthusiastic girls for the full 24 hours over which he has dominion, and those who confidently expect the kind saint to give them a glimpse of their future husbands must, according to Demorest's Monthly, follow these curious processes. They must hie them to bed one hour before, put out the taper on entering as a light, and, never casting a glance to left or right, but looking straight before put out the taper on entering their bedrooms. On the threshold they must unbind their hair, wash their hands in rosewater, and standing before a mirror slowly eat a [illegible] cake baked in [illegible] of a heart. This done all in the dark and making sure never to retrace a step they get to bed and to sleep with all dispatch [illegible] they can dream before [illegible] vision will present the [face] and features of the future husband. There are cotillons [illegible] St. Valentine's eve, when all the favors will be emblems suitable to the season, and a blindfolded debutante, personifying love, will distribute to each man a little red silk [heart]. On one side is a bow, in small [gilt] lettering, the name of the young woman with whom he must dance the german; when he presents it she will stick through the silk leaf a narrow pin of gilt and fasten the heart to the left side of her bodice.

Like Those of the Past.

The valentines of to-day are very much like the valentines of the past, for they express the same idea to which Josh Billings referred in his inimitable way: "Luv is the same divine sentiment no matter how yu spel it." It is neither the spelling nor the poetry that captivates the youthful imagination, but the daring expression of affection which can be announced in a valentine, but in no other way. No breach of promise case has ever resulted from the sending of a valentine. Such a protestation as this would never be considered in a court of law, although it may count for much in the court of love:

"My valentine will thou be,
Accept this heart so true;
Pray bestow a thought on me
For I love only you."

—Detroit Free Press.

AN UP-TO-DATE VALENTINE.

She's up to date and away beyond
And many worship at her shrine;
She sent an arrow through my heart
And claims me as her valentine.

Valentine to a Sick Doll.

Dolly, dolly darling!
O, dolly, dolly mine!
They laugh because I tell them
That you are my valentine.

They think that I shall have, dear
A doll in place of you;
Now, don't be frightened, dolly,
For that's what I'll never do.

I know your nose is melted
I know one eye is gone,
My father said this morning
That you really were forlorn.

But that's the very reason
Why you should always be
The very dearest dolly
In the whole round world to me.

If my nose should get broken,
If I looked queer and wild,
Would my mamma exchange me
For another bran-new child?

—Helen Marston, in Our Little Ones.

A Valentine.

(To tell unto my lady fair
That nature whispers everywhere
(The birds, the flow'rs, the woods, the sea—)
All whisper): "Ask the maid to be
Thy valentine, this fourteenth day,"
So I am making bold this way
To say unto my lady sweet
My heart and life are at her feet.
Go, dainty card—plead well my case,
And read my answer in her face.

—E. L. Andress, in Chicago Post.

ONE NEW-YEAR'S.

Reception of a President That Wasn't Held in the White House.

"There was one New Year's reception held by the president in the city," said a local historian, "which was not held in the white house. Though the event is seldom referred to, it is a fact all the same. The reception I speak of, though the function then generally went by the name of levee, was given by President Madison on New Year's day, 1815, in the Octagon, at the corner of Eighteenth street and New York avenue. The British in 1814 having burned the white house, President Madison moved over to the Octagon house, which was owned by Col. John Tayloe. He spent over five months there. All who attended the levee have long since passed away, but it has been my good fortune in past years to have talked to several gentlemen who were present. They describe it as a very elegant affair. All the expenses of the levee were paid out of Col. Tayloe's pocket, that gentleman being enormously wealthy and liberal as well. His income was said to be at that time $75,000."

AN INTERMITTENT HEART.

Stopped Every Third Beat.

But Mrs. Strope's Heart Now No Longer Lags But Throbs Regularly.

From the Leader, Cleveland, Ohio.

In a large, commodious house at No. 104 Huntington Street, Cleveland, Ohio, lives Mrs. Emily A. Strope, widow of the late X. M. Strope, and she is the mother of a young man who has been, and is now one of this city's successful and energetic pharmacists. Mrs. Strope who has lately recovered from serious cardiac difficulty when questioned by a reporter regarding her late illness stated as follows.

"Two years ago, I had my first experience with Dr. Williams' Pink Pills. For a long time I was troubled with an ailment which I feared would eventually drive me crazy unless I rid myself of it. It will sound strange, no doubt, to some, but my heart did not beat as it should. Its action was irregular. There would be two pulsations, or perhaps three, and then a sudden cessation. My heart seemed to rest for the period of one or two beats, and then resume its action. Sometimes such lapses would not be so frequent as [illegible] but scarcely a day passed that they did not occur. It felt as though something would strike the heart with great force, and push it out of place. During the period, whenever I lay down to sleep or rest, my hands would become perfectly numb and helpless. I could feel the temporary paralysis coming over them, but I could do nothing which would prevent it. My feet were affected in a like manner, and I had considerable difficulty to walk when such a spell had possession of me. Naturally that state of affairs [illegible] upset my nerves, and any one whose nervous system is well [illegible] can appreciate and understand the [illegible] mental, which I endured. [illegible] and rest, and often I was [illegible] sheer exhaustion [illegible] to obtain some repose. [illegible]

"One day, my son who was keeping a drug store at the [illegible] Dr. Williams' Pink Pills for Pale People and advised me to take them for my heart trouble. I did so and soon began to get better. [illegible] they certainly [illegible] beats regularly [illegible] appeared and my [illegible] is in splendid order."

We print the above hoping Mrs. Strope's experience may be [illegible] to others who may suffer from derangement of the heart.

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"Look here, sah," said Washington Whitewash, "what yo' mean by runnin' ober me dat away?" "Yo was black man," replied Jackson Coldcoop. "I's color-blind, I is."—Philadelphia North American.

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JOB maintained that he was tried in every possible way. But then Job lived and died before the fountain pen was invented.—Texas Sifter.

THE MARKETS.

	CINCINNATI Feb.
LIVE STOCK—Cattle common	[illegible]
Select butchers	[illegible]
CALVES—Fair to good light	[illegible]
HOGS—Common	[illegible]
Mixed packers	[illegible]
Light shippers	[illegible]
SHEEP—Choice	[illegible]
LAMBS—Good to choice	[illegible]
FLOUR—Winter family	[illegible]
GRAIN—Wheat—No. 2 red	[illegible]
No. 3 red	[illegible]
Corn—No. 2 mixed	[illegible]
Oats—No. 2	[illegible]
Rye—No. 2	[illegible]
HAY—Prime to choice	10 75
PROVISIONS—Mess Pork	[illegible]
Lard—Prime steam	[illegible]
BUTTER—Choice dairy	[illegible]
Prime to choice creamery	[illegible]
APPLES—Per bbl	[illegible]
POTATOES—Per bbl	[illegible]
NEW YORK	
FLOUR—Winter patent	[illegible]
GRAIN—Wheat—No. 1 north'n	[illegible]
No. 2 red	[illegible]
CORN—No. 2 mixed	[illegible]
OATS—Mixed	[illegible]
PORK—New mess	[illegible]
LARD—Western	[illegible]
CHICAGO	
FLOUR—Winter patents	[illegible]
GRAIN—Wheat—No. 2 red	[illegible]
No. 2 Chicago spring	[illegible]
CORN—No. 2	[illegible]
OATS—No. 2	[illegible]
PORK—Mess	[illegible]
LARD—Steam	[illegible]
BALTIMORE.	
FLOUR—Family	[illegible]
GRAIN—Wheat—No. 2	[illegible]
Corn Mixed	[illegible]
Oats—Mixed	[illegible]
LARD—Refined	[illegible]
PORK—Mess	[illegible]
CATTLE—First quality	[illegible]
HOGS—Western	[illegible]
INDIANAPOLIS	
GRAIN—Wheat—No. 2	[illegible]
Corn—No. 2 mixed	[illegible]
Oats—No. 2 mixed	[illegible]
LOUISVILLE	
FLOUR—Winter patent	[illegible]
GRAIN—Wheat—No. 2 red	[illegible]
Corn—Mixed	[illegible]
Oats—Mixed	[illegible]
PORK—Mess	[illegible]
LARD—Steam	[illegible]

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WHEN a girl wants to say a decollete gown is not becoming to another girl she casually mentions that her neck is like a hat rack.—Atchison Globe.

EVIDENCES of consumption are found in the throat or larynx at a period long before the discovery of equally well marked symptoms in the lungs. Is a fact which the daily observation of those engaged in laryngeal practice establishes as incontrovertible." Such is the opinion of Dr. Thos. M. Stewart after several years of study of the disease in his own city, Cincinnati.

LADY (to drunken beggar)—"Are you not ashamed to be [illegible]" B. [illegible]—"Yes, ma'am, but I'm [illegible] when I'm sober I'm a burglar."—N. Y. Tribune.

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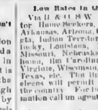

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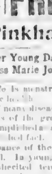

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